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### A Night at Walton's Mill.

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HE followventure will

give one an idea of the sufferings risked, and often actually endured, by the early settlers of Ohio. Sixty

years ago the city of Cleveland, whose population is now over a quarter of a million, was a little settlement on the very border of civilization. The settlers guarded their cattle from the wild beasts that prowled through the almost unproken forest; and men daring enough to make their home on the border of the great western reserve were men of courage and endurance.

One April day in the spring of 1834, Lucas, who had established himself and family near the little settlement called Parma, on the west side of the Cuyahoga River, was preparing for a journey to Newburgh, now one of the suburbs of Cleveland.

His pair of steady going horses were harnessed into the light wagon, and he was waiting for his wife who was going with him on a visit to her family, while Mr. Lucas intended bringing home a load of seed potatoes.

"Hurry up, Martha," he called, "I've waited long enough, and if you intend cross

ing the river wasnow over

with me today on hand." In response to this summons Mrs. Lucas hurriedout with her little son in her arms. The baby

a vear old

and this was to be his first visit to his grandmother.

"It seems like quite an undertaking for us to go to Newburgh," said Mrs. Lucas, "I hope the river is low. I remember the last time we crossed it seemed as if it wasn't more than a brook in some places,"

"It's just the time for us to go," replied Mr. Lucas, with a look at the sky, "the river is always safe enough to ford when we've had such a dry spell. I did think we might have a little rain to-day, but I guess it was

only wind clouds," he concluded.

The road to the river was through ough but picturesque country. Occasional clearings gave them glimpses of their neighbors' farms, and in the distance the hills rose blue against the sky.

"I don't know as it was a very good idea for you and baby to come to-day, after said Mr. Lucas as they neared the fording place, "it will be mighty near dark when we get home, and if we should have rain this river wont be easy to ford."

Mrs. Lucas laughed merrily. "Why, you just said you guessed the rain to day would be all-wind; and even if it should rain, Baby and I wont mind a little wetting, would we baby?" A remark to which the baby replied by a eries of ejaculations, accompanied by appro-

priate gestures, so that both father and mother forgot the weather in admiring contemplation of their infant's cleverness. "I hope you got some one to look after the

cattle, George, you know two of Mr. Wildes' best cows were killed by the bears last week, said Mrs. Lucas as they came near the river.

"Yes, I looked after everything," responded Mr. Lucas, "the bears wont find any lunch ready for them to-day, unless they catch up

The river was low, and they crossed without difficulty and in a short time arrived safely at their destination.

After the horses had been taken care of, and while Mr. Lucas was making arrangements for the load of seed potatoes, the family noticed the dark clouds coming up in the southwest. Mrs. Lucas was greatly alarmed. She had lived near the Cuyahoga long enough to know that a few hours would change it from a peaceful, quiet river into a rushing, relentless stream that made fording dangerous, if not impossible.

But after an hour or two of threatening clouds, the sky apparently cleared, and they prepared to start for home.

The dusk came on rapidly. When they reached the river there was a sound of distant thunder, and a narrow shred of lightning ran across the sky. It was evident that there had been a cloud burst among the hills, for the river was swollen and muddy. Its usually clear waters were changed to

a dull yellow . the current was much stronger in the morning.
"I've a great mind not to venture,
after all," said Mr. Lucas, peering anxiously across the water, "what do you think about it, Martha?"

"Well, you know the ford so well, and theriver can't you be much deeper than it was this morning," responded Mrs. Lucas whose anxiety to get home for the moment overcome her fears.

"I suppose it's safe enough, but the river looks bad," said Mr. Lucas, starting his horses into the stream.

The river did look bad. The gathering darkness of the night, the rush and roar of the water, and the floating logs and bits of refuse that came

hurling down stream, might well have deterred them from making the attempt to cross. But George Lucas was familiar with danger

nis team was a safe and steady one, and he had little fear but he could cross in safety. Mrs. Lucas did not realize the danger until they were well into the stream, and the distant thunder came nearer, and through the deepening

shadows came a vivid flash of lightning.

For some little distance all went well, and they were be-ginning to hope that the worst was over, when the horses suddenly plunged violently forward and then stopped.

At the same moment they felt their carriage sinking. Mr. Lucas tried to urge the

horses on. The noble beasts responded bravely, but the wagon could not be moved.

They had struck a quicksand, and the wheels had sunk to the hubs. The heavy load held the wagon fast and prevented its being overturned.

In a moment Mr. Lucas realized the peril of position. Though the wagon was firmly fixed it was possible that the strong currer t and heavy wind might sweep it over. The horses apparently had a firm foothold and

there was but little to fear from them.

The rain was now falling heavily, and the ightning came in swift flashes showing that the river was rising.

"What are we going to do, George?"

At the sound of his wife's voice Mr. Lucas resolve was made.

"I must try and get help or we shall be drowned," he answered. "You mustn't be afraid, Martha, I'm going to fix these robes and my coat so as to keep the rain off you and the boy as well as I can; then I'm going to unhitch old Jim and ride ashore for help. You'll be safe here until I get back to you.'

"Couldn't baby and I go with you, George?" "No," he answered slowly, "you couldn't keep on a horse's back in this storm, and I may have to swim for it."

He stepped out on the pole of the wagon and in a moment had Jim unhitched and was on his back.

"I'm ready to start, Martha. I'll call to you from the shore, and be back for you before you know it," he said, and was swallowed up by the darkness.

The horse that was still hitched to the wagon sent a frightened neigh after his companion,

horse's back and lost in the swirling current.

But at last she heard his voice. "All right. Martha, keep up your courage. And she called bravely back, "all right."

On reachng shore Mr. Lucas hurried to the nearest house. was that of Mr. Walton, the owner o asawmil hand. In ponse t his calls and

heav knocks Mr. Walton opened the door, and Mr Lucas' story was told in less time than it takes to

Rushing into the house Mr. Walton seized the horn which hung on the kitchen wall, and in a moment its re-

peated blast sounded out above the noise of the storm and roused the mill hands to the fact that danger was

near and assistance needed. In a short time lights were seen flickering among the half dozen log houses,

and the answering note of a horn showed that help was at

hand. The men hurried towards the shore carrying with them lines and ropes. Several women accompanied the party, and as Mrs. Walton wrapped her heavy shawl about her and started into

the night the big St. Bernard dog, Major, her constant companion, followed her. The storm had increased in violence and it was with trembling heart that George Lucas returned to the shore and looked out into the blackness of the

night. The quick and almost continuous flashes of light-

ning showed the still a fixture, and the motionless figure of Mrs. Lucas clasping the child in her arms. In response to the encouraging calls from the people gathered upon the shore, Mrs. Lucas' voice (CONCLUDED ON PAGE 3.)



The child slept on, warm and protected from the storm in his mother's arms, as she listened for her husband's call that was to assure her of his safety. Added to her own peril was the dreadful fear that he would be swept off the

### THE GHOST OF WUN LUNG.

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CHAPTER II. (Conclusion.)

SYNOPSIS OF CHAPTER I. — Just before midnight, on the 9th of December, 1881, the author saw a ghost on Nob Hill in the city of 8an Francisco. Prior to this he did not believe in such things; and not until he had used the Autrailan "spook-test," and the frightful spectacle, "a human skeleton, — skull, uplifted arm, and flowing abroud, — all phasity white, too real to be mistaken," had passed his window a second time, was he fully convinced. The following day he reported the fact to his friend Nelson, who, after painful chaffing, agrees to lay in wait for the ghost the following night. After several hours of anxious watching they are suddenly startled by the appearance of the frightful figure.

"HE horrified tone and awful shudder with which the exclamation "A ghost, by dash!" was uttered, left no doubt of the speaker's condition of mind and body. But for a trembling that the strong arm failed to conceal, the man might have been mistaken for a statue symbolizing anxiety, terror, doubt, and conviction, all mingled in one.

Left with sufficient courage and presence of mind to realize that my time had come for " paying back," I said in the most natural tone I could affect, but which I fear failed, nevertheless, to conceal the ghoulish glee I felt :-

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"Certainly," turning abruptly, as though aroused

from a deep reverie. "What is it?"
"Won't you do me the favor to step before this mirror, try on the hat you dropped when you got up so suddenly a moment ago, and see if it still fits

Again no answer.

Presently, however, after pacing the floor two or three times, he excitedly exclaimed: "That bowls me out! I can't account for it."

- "I can," I said calmly.
  "How?" placing himself before me.
- "Will you promise me upon your word of honor to keep it secret? "
- " Yes."
- "Why, it's nothing in the world but the effect of the 'chemical influence of the Califor'" - but here he had already resumed his position at the window.

He stood a moment in silence, then, turning to me, exclaimed with great emphasis: "That was a ghost as sure as I live! And — I should like to see more of

" He'll very likely be back in ten or fifteen minutes, same as last night."

"What do you say to going down and 'laying for him'? Get your 'gun' quick!"

"I'll go with you upon one condition," I insisted.
"What's that?"

"That you'll tell me 'when to shoot."

Neither spoke again until we had reached the side walk: but there, just as we had started to go down hill, I made a movement as if I wished to return to the house.

- "What's the matter now?"
- "I forgot something." " What?"
- "That writ of ejectment."
- "Look here," squaring himself before me. "You saw a ghost, didn't you? "
- "Well, I saw that ghost too." " And "-
- " Let's tackle that ghost, and not 'vituperate' each other." We did.

We shook hands, then walked three blocks farther down, where, hidden from view by the deep shadows of a receding doorway, we proceeded to "lay for"

Before proceeding with my narrative, I may add, without violating any honorable obligation to either dead or living, that the feeling called suspense unfolds itself in all its true robustness to that man only who " lays for a ghost."

As the sole guardian of his own safety, a man may have sought honest foe or ambushed enemy amid hostile hordes; as the lone guardsman of his pioneer possessions, protected his solitary camp-fire; or, moved by the magnetic spirit of adventure, he may have spent weary nights amid the perils of the jungles; yet with the combined emotions of uncertainty these experiences have aroused within him, he is still a stranger to one sensation, and that sensation comes to the man who in good faith, and on a dark night, proceeds to capture a real ghost.

Though all was dark and peaceful about us, I hadn't stood there two minutes before I became thoroughly convinced of this fact.

The brief but oppressive spell of silence, during which each had repeatedly made sure of a "correct lessly in custody, he stared wildly at his captors.

grip" of his revolver, was suggestly relieved by solemnly-whispered injunctions of my companion.

"Now, if he comes down this way, we'll 'lay him out cold,' but we'll have to be mighty careful about

- "Careful about what?" I asked anxiously.
- " That the law can't hold us."

"Great guns! Nelson, I never thought of that. You don't mean to say there is a law against shoot-

ing ghosts?"
"Not exactly; but neither judge nor jury know what a ghost is like, because there's been none killed; so we'll have to keep on the safe side."

"How'll we do it? Talk fast, old man."

"You know, of course, that according to law the killing of a human being constitutes murder, and a jury might say a ghost was human, but "-

'Then how'll we do it? Speak, man!" "But, I started to say, you may kill in self-de-

"Suppose he doesn't tackle us?"

"Well, listen to me carefully; I haven't studied law for fun. In the first place, we'll get in his way accidentally, - mind you, accidentally, - then as he swoops down upon us, we make superhuman efforts to get out of his reach, but "-

"That's easy enough," I said.

"Listen, will you, while I talk. But we find that the supernatural monstrosity has paralyzed us in our feet, so we can't move. Feeling our lives imperilled, I'll cry out: 'Stop, thief, or we'll shoot!' (I'll not say it loud, because I want a square pop at the old gent.) And if he moves another inch, both of us, terrified by intense personal peril, desperate at finding ourselves deprived of all other protection of the law, crazed by the dastardly attack of the midnight assassin, insane, by Jove! from fear of being innocently slain in cold blood, and no longer responsible for our acts, we defend our lives, give ourselves up, and immediately go free, in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided."

"Are you sure we'll be safe in doing that?"

"Dead certain. The law of California permits neither man, ghost, nor devil to terrorize, mutilate, or kill law-abiding people. In other words, recognizing the cardinal principle that self-preservation is the first law of nature, it throws about its citizens, by constitutional enactment, the safeguard of 'selfdefence."

Before these words of reassurance had passed his lins, the car had already left the terminus at the foot

quiet agaia, look out, Nelson," I said.

ain't trembling, are you?"

lay concealed.

prostrate on the ground.

trigger.'

"I will. Don't you forget to be quick on the

That instant a sharp tapping on a window, appar-

ently a block above us, met our ears, and at the same time we saw the downward car mounting the hill-

side. As it approached, the noise increased to a loud rattle, then suddenly stopped. The car had no

sooner passed us and the hill again become bare,

than the ghost appeared at the summit, gliding

"There he comes!" we both exclaimed together in excited whispers. "Remember, now — Say, you

"Oh, no! I always feel a little chilly at night.

"Remember, now, the moment he gets close enough we'll rush out; and when I say 'Shoot!' you

pump cold lead into that snowy skull, while I ladle

some pellets between his ribs. Let him have it five

times in succession. And don't forget, it's got to

be all accidental, - we were paralyzed into the deed

'Stop, or we'll shoot!' then, wild, frenzied, crazy

with fear, we killed him in self-defence. Don't

forget what I tell you, for you'll have to swear to it."

"Now, then, rush for the middle of the street!"

the most awful moments I have ever experienced.

We rushed, and in doing so I passed through

When still within fifty feet of the hideous mon-

ster, a dark figure, armed with a long club, sprang

suddenly from a doorway on the opposite side of

the street, and in another moment the ghost lay

The unexpected scene passed like a flash of light-

ning before our astonished eyes; and before we had

fully realized what had happened, we stood breath-

less behind the slaver, as he, unconscious of our

The stern demand was accompanied by a firm

Startled as if shot, the latter sprang forward in a

frantic attempt to flee, but, finding himself hope-

presence, stooped over his fallen victim.

"What are you doing here?"

on the destroyer's arm.

by the 'superhuman monstrosity.'

But the time for talking had now

I first cried,

assed. The

But what were you going to say? Speak quick!'

swiftly in mid-air, just as on previous occasions.

" Now, after that's gone, and the coast is clear and

Speak quies! Want are you doing here? "Him not my glost!" was uttered in the meek, rembling tones of a Celestial.

"Very good. You are our prisoner. We are United States detectives. Pick up the ghost and come with us," demanded my companion.

"Me velly muchee" -

"Don't say another word!" The command was emphasized by a fiendish flourish of the speaker's

With one arm encircling the body of his victim, while the other rested in the firm grasp of one of his captors, - armed with the deadly club as an additional safeguard of self-defence, - the Chinaman was placed between us, and without another

additional safeguard of self-defence,—the Chinaman was placed between us, and without another word hurriedly marched to my friend's office on Kearney Street near by.

There, behind locked doors, and after imposing upon our prisoner the solemn injunction that any attempt to escape or raise an alarm would be promptly followed by the death penalty, we proceeded to throw light upon the object that had agitated our minds as nothing had ever done before.

Fidelity to truth compels the candid admission that, as we anxiously scrutinized the frightful demon now prostrate, helpless, and inanimate, he no longer impressed us as a formidable foe.

True, the skull and skeleton arm, chalked to ghastly whiteness, still awakened feelings akin to horror; but even the first glance disclosed the fact that our prize was lacking in certain elements of harmony and completeness highly essential to a really great ghost.

In fact, a sense of keen disappointment came over us both when, emboldened by the evident fact that the ghost was hopelessly and irreclaimably defunct, we rudely lifted the drapery and disclosed to our astonished view an anatomy whose painful simplicity and harmless incompleteness caused a smile to steal even over the face of the terrified heathen.

In other words, one look convinced us that, although technically present, our ghost was spiritually absent and physically imperfect.

Briefly described from memory, the plan and specifications that governed his creation are these: The human skull already alluded to, to which was securely attached one end of a gas-pipe twelve feet long and one inch in diameter. The other end of this pipe was flattened to readily admit its passing through the "grip" slot on the cable road, and was provided with a pair of self-acting spring pinchers, ingeniously constructed of nickel, and so affixed as to act in the capacity of a "grip." Front and rear guards, which were attached to the pipe to prevent the accidental falling of the ghost, completed its lower extremities. Just below the skull,

"John," I "John," I said, after completing our examination, "look at these two loaded revolvers, and then tellus what you've got to say for yourself."
"Him not my glost!"
"Whose is it?"
"Him Wun Lung's glost."

glost."
"Who is One Lung, and where does he live?"
"You no catchee

"You no catchee him."
"Why not?"
"Him dead."
"Why did you knock down the ghost."
"Wun Lung him say, 'Go catchee glost."
"Here! You just

"Here! You just

said One Lung was dead!" exclaimed my companion, moving toward the prison-er. "Tell me, do you believe in the sacredness of an oath?"
"No sabe."

"No sabe."

"Dare you deny upon your word of honor, or over your own signature, that this whole thing is a foul plot,—a plot nursed by fraud and reared by iniquity; a deep-laid plot on the part of a lot of highbinders, of whom you are the arch-fiend, to conspire against the peace and dignity of this community?"

"No sabe! Me velly sick!"

"Viliain! In the name of the Chief of Police and the Mayor of the city of San Francisco, the Governor of the State of California, and the President of the United States of America, I call upon you to witness these firearms and the lariat you see hanging yonder, and if you don't answer the questions I shall put to you, we'll hang you out of this window and then shoot you full of holes!"

"No sabe! Me feelee velly, velly bad."

"Prisoner, stand up."

He arose.

"You may now proceed to state categorically your name, age, occupation, how long you have held such position and where previously employed; your residence; for what period of time prior to the municipal election last past you had occupied such domicile; whether you have on previous occasions been apprehended; if so, how many; and furthermore, whether you are married or single, and if not, why not. Now answer me categorically, as afore said; and if you withhold or pervert a single incriminating circumstance, my 'gun' will tell you of it."

Even before I had regained my breath, the Celestial, whose small, sunken eves now hujed wildly Even before I had regained my breath, the Celes-

tal, whose small, sunken eyes now bulged wildly out, as he stood fiercely eyeing his questioner, broke out in loud and deeply agitated tones:

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demon had already entered the block in which we

out, as he stood flercely eyeing his questioner, broke out in loud and deeply agitated tones:—
"You no sabe my name velly muchee. You cullum me categolickally. My name Sing Lo. Me velly good cook, me"—
"Hold on, John," I shouted. "Nel"— But, not heeding my words, he continued:—
"Me no catchee moonce's pal. Me catchee onlee Wun Lung's glost. Heap Melican talkee, plentee foolem mit 'gun' makee me velly much sickee!"
"Nelson," I said, "I object; this can't go on."
"Whan's the matter? We must lay down the law to the guilty heathen. I am proceeding under the sixty-seventh rule of the Federal Statutes"—
"Doing what?"
"My dear fellow, don't you suppose I know how to draw out a witness? Besides, in our thirst for facts and justice, we musn't forget that the strong arm of the law vouchsafes to even the most humble and unfortunate of God's creatures a full and fair hearing. In other words, we must temper justice with mercy, and I am only doing what the chivalry of my profession demands of me."
"If such is the chivalry of law, I move for an adjournment to enable the prisoner to procure counsel; or I must at least insist upon a brief recess in order that he may prepare his case for that Court before which certain lawyers are not permitted to enter an appearance."
"Nonsense! We want the facts, don't we?"

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"Yes."
"Well, ain't I getting them? Just let me alone
and you may bet that I'll bring him up short, hopelessly tangled up in his own testimony. You're not
a lawyer. What are you finding fault with me

a lawyer. What are you inding italiant for?"

"I don't find fault with your scaring the helpless heathen. I don't mind your hanging him. As a matter of fact, I don't object to your shooting him. But in the name of the common 'Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man,' I do protest against downight torture."

"Me velly sleepee; me likee go home now," meekly chimed in the Chinee.

"Nelson," I said, "I'll match you pennies to see which of us is to give Sing Lo a dollar, so that he'll tell us the whole story about the ghost."

"I'll do it, but it isn't good

"I'll do it, but it isn't good

but it isn't good law."

"Here you are,Sing,ther's your dollar; now tell us every thing, and then we'll let you go."

"You givee back Wun Lung's glost?"

"Yes; go on."

"All lite. Wun Lung, velly go od Chin ee man, him dead now. Keepee laundley, Dupont Stleet, not long 'go. Velly well. 'go. Velly One day Melican Melican man, him name Mick-eeO'Bline,Ilish-man allee same he say, 'You he say, 'You sellee lannd-

'Wun Lung him say, 'Not

"Wun Lung him say, 'Not muchee, Mistel O'Bline.'
"Ilishman say, 'Me likee catchee saloon.'
"Wun Lung him say, 'Me catchee dolla, six bit. tee, sometime two dolla day, best place in de citee; me likee to stay.'
"Velly good lie!' Ilishman say. 'Me makee you sickee. Chinee must go.'
"Not nuchee! Me stickee to washee, me and Sing Lo. You talkee heap boshee; Ilish must go.'
"Big Ilishman say, 'Me give you heap kickee, you Chinee galoot; smashee mit blickee, ugly mud snoot.'
"Wun Lung him sing cout.'

"Wun Lung him sing out: 'Now Mistel Mickee, stop foolee, you please. You slingee one blickee, me cullum police.'
"Whoop! Velly fly Ilishman catchee him 'gun'-shootem heap holes into Wun Lung, — dead velly quick."
"Sing Lo," I asked, "what became of this man Mike O'Brien?"
"Him keepee ginee-mill now. Smashee up laundlev."

Mike O'Brien?"
"Him keepee ginee-mill now. Smashee up laundley."
"Didn't the police arrest him?"
"Ha! Ilishman heap 'solid' mit police, catchee velly big 'pull' mit Ilish. Meilcan judgee. Him say, 'You shootem Chinee, Mistel O'Bline? Self-defencee, flve-dolla fine. Next.' You sabe?"
"Yes, we sabe; but how about the ghost?"
"Yelly good. Now Wun Lung have one son. He say, 'Me fixee big llish blute.'"
"Do you mean to say," interrupted my companion, 'that this little Lung called O'Brien' a big Irish brute'? Mike is a particular friend of mine."
"Him velly bad egg allee samee."
"Go on with your story, Sing Lo. Here's two bits more for you. Now tell us all about this second Lung."

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"All lite. By'n by Wun Lung—him young Wun Lung—him dead. 'Me makee Ilishman heap sickee of ginee-mill,' he say to me an' Ah Wing. Ah Wing, he velly good Chinee boy, stickum 'glip' on cable. Glost fly likee debbil down hill. Me, Sing Lo, catchee mit club, fixum 'glip,' an' glost scootee up hill likee debbil. Ah Wing he catchee mit club, an' glost scootee down hill likee debbil. Allee same time Wun Lung him playem 'tickee-tackee' on Ilishman window. Ilishman velly dlunk; wakee up, lookem out window,—Wun Lung's glost flyem likee debbil. Velly quick Mistel O'Bline getee heap sick of ginee-mill—him flyem likee debbil. Wun Lung catchee laundley. You sabe?"

"Yes, but how does Mike know that it's Wun Lung's glost?"

"Him onlee wun alm."

"Did old One Lung have only one arm?"

"Him did. He loosem one in China; fallee down one day, brakem off. Me velly sleepee, now me likee go home."

"Wait a minute. 'The chivalry of the law' entitles you to witness-fees from 'the Chief of Police and Mayor of San Francisco, the Governor of California, and the President of the United States of America.' Nelson, hand the witness six bits."

"I will, if he answers one question."

"Sing Lo, what did you call the thing you 'fixum' to the cable?"

"Me callum 'glip.' Wun Lung him callum 'nickel.' He say, 'Putem nickel in slot, Ilishman seeum glost."

"All right, here are your witness-fees. You may go now, Chilee."

"Chilee," repeated the Chinaman with an astonished grin. "You speakee Chinee velly well." Then, taking the ghost tenderly under his arm, he hurriedly passed to the outer darkness.

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#### MICHAEL O'BRIEN. CHOICE WINES AND LIQUORS.

As I drew the shades at my window that night, I carnestly hoped that one of two possible things might prove true: either that Michael had retired unusually sober, and, responding to the "tickee-tackee," had seen the ghost as I had seen it; or, in case he had, as was not unreasonable to conclude, sought repose under other conditions, he had at least been so "velly dlunk" as to insure his experiencing, without being aroused, that "magnetic mutuality of spirits" the poet had immortalized. A day or two after my advenure I was called to Oregon, and from that day to this I have neither heard nor seen any thing more of the ghost.

Curiosity led me, however, on my return to San Francisco, three weeks later, to revisit the scene of the fatal brutality Sing Lo had so graphically detailed.

tailed.

Even my first glance from a distance assured me that a great change had come over the premises. As I drew near and read on the small, crude sign the four tell-tale words,

#### WUN LUNG.

CHINESE LAUNDRY,

I experienced, amid the sea of ghostly recollections that floated across my memory, that feeling of sweet satisfaction which, though a stranger to the heart of the true Christian, serves materially to brighten the pathway of the honest sinner. And I wondered, as I turned to go, whether the man who was "solid" with the police wouldn't, after all, have gladly exchanged his strong "pull" on the law for even a gentle "pull" on— the ghost of Wun Lung.

THE END.

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could be faintly heard. One of the lumbermen was ready to plunge into the muddy stream. A rope had been fastened about his waist, and as he was



no man could swim in such a storm. Was there any other means of rescue? The St. Bernard had watched the proceedings with great interest. His whines and barks showed that he understood there was trouble and wanted to be of

He had plunged into the water after the swimmer but was called back by his sistress.

A momentary silence came over the little group, that was broken by Mrs. Walton:

"The dog," she exclaimed, "quick, fasten the clothes line on Major and send him out with it. He'll go. Tell Mrs. Lucas to call him, Major will understand."

The idea was instantly acted upon. "Martha," called Mr. Lucas, "call Major!" And the response came clearly, "Major, Major." Mrs. Lucas remembered the dog, and understood that he was coming to her aid.

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It was several minutes before he could be got back to the shore, and the rescue was beginning to seem almost a hopeless effort, when a woman screamed, "Take him further up shore and let him go down with the current!" The suggestion was promptly carried out.

They waited in anxious silence, straining their eyes through the darkness, trying to catch a glimpse of the dog, and to see if the wagon still held.

Major responded nobly to the trust placed in him. Guided by Mrs. Lucas' voice and helped on by the sweep of the current, the brave animal soon reached the wagon.

In response to a call from the shore Mrs. Lucas untied the line and fastened it securely to the wheel, while a cheer from the shore assured her that her call had been heard.

The vivid lightning continued. Flash after flash revealed the busy workers to the anxious woman, who, chilled by the heavy rain, tired, and frightened by the peril of her position, was fast losing her power of endurance.

Aided by the line one of the men was now able to reach the wagon, and to fasten stout ropes about it which were carried on shore, where two strong yoke of oxen were waiting to do their part in the rescue.

The horse that had stood quietly without endeavoring to break loose, was unharnessed and made its way to shore.

The man who had gone to the assistance of Mrs. Lucas, had fastened a line securely about her waist. "If the wagon gives way just keep hold of the baby and don't be frightened, they'll pull you ashore all right," he said, and then he called:

"All ready. Pull away."

With a feeling of terror Mrs. Lucas realized that the wheels had started.

Slowly and steadily the wagon began to move, until at last the pole was within reach of the eager hands and the wagon was pulled up on shore and Mrs. Lucas was clasped in her husband's arms.

She was carried to the nearest cottage where she was turnish

#### The War Correspondent.



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necting link between the fighting army in the field and the anxious army at home. The necessary qualities, mental and physical and phys

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SOME TALL KITE FLYING.



time, quite as wellas we do. Small boysallover the world have the Heathen Chinee to thank for the invention of the firecracker, and they might also get points from him in the matter of truly artistic kite-flying. In China, moreover, it is quite common for the old men to fly kites while the

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children look on, and so general is the sport that they have an annual general is the sport that they have an annual festival—the Feast of Kites—upon which day the sky is filled with strange monsters made of paper or silk of gigantic size and frightful form, who with whirling pin-wheel eyes, gaping mouths and lashing tails, tug angrily at the cords which control them. Up the string from time to time are sent "travelers" or "messengers" of paper with bamboo framework. These bear fireworks of various kinds which explode in mid-air. Then the messengers fold up and slide down, back to the sender. By skillful manipulation of the string these brilliantly hued monsters go through the most extraordinary antics and fairly seem alive. Oftentimes more than one man is required to manage them. In the evening the sky is filled with whole constellations of beautiful paper lanterns, attached to the huge kites.

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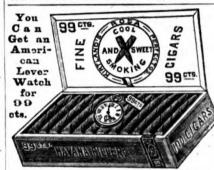
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EAR COUSINS:

With the coming of Jack Frost to crack open the chestnut burrs, and make the farmer think about getting in his pumpkins and squashes, comes the thought of mince meat, squash pies and similar good things. The canning and pickling is mostly done, only a few sweet cucumber pickles, or quince preserves, remaining to be made, and we are thinking of getting ready for winter, unpleasant as the prospect may be. I believe there are some recipes for mince meat in the copy drawer, by the way, and this is a good time to get them out.

MINCE MEAT.

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Boil and mash fine 3 small bowls of lean meat, 2 of apples, 1 of molasses, 1 of vinegar, 1 of eider, 1 of suet or butter, 5 of sugar, 2 of raisins, or berry preserves, 2 tablespoons cinnamon, 2 of cloves, 2 nutmegs, 1 teaspoon black pepper and salt, 3 lemons, grated and squeezed. If suet is used, boil it gently a short time; if butter, simply scald. And I will also give a recipe for squash Patties.

Take young, tender squashes, steam until soft; add black pepper and salt, to suit the taste, a good piece of butter, flour to make a stiff batter, make into small cakes and fry in hot lard.

Mrs. B. R. Vannov.

"We see so many accounts of terrible accidents from the use of coal oil in building fires. Now let me tell you my way. I soak a rag with the oil, place it on the grate, where it can be reached with a match from below, then put in the rest of the kindling, and light the rag. This is the safest way I know of. And while I am here, let me give my recipe for

TOMATO SOUP.

1 qt. tomatoes, 3 pts. milk, 1 large tablespoon flour, 1 teaspoon butter, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon soda. Put the tomato on to stew, adding the soda, Boil the milk, except enough to mix the flour. Add the cold thickened milk to the boiling milk, salt, pepper, butter, last of all the tomatoes. Boil 10 minutes, strain or not, as you like it.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Never throw away old tooth-brushes, but put them in strong soapy water, boil well, rinse in cold water and dry in the sun. They are good to clean the handles of china and glassware by dipping them in warm water, then in soda, and rub the crevices briskly. They will also be found useful in polishing silver, and many other ways. When sheets become thin in the middle, tear them in two and sew the outsides together, hem the sides, and you will get double wear out of your sheets, and no mending to do.

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SWISS ROLL.

1 lb. of eggs, 1-2 lb. flour, 1-2 lb. sugar. Whisk the eggs and sugar to a cream, add the flour lightly, and spread out carefully in a tin well buttered and papered. Bake in a quick oven. When done, spread with raspberry jam and roll up; dust with sugar.

RICE CROQUETTES.

1-2 lb. rice, 1-2 pt. milk, 4 oz. butter, 2 oz. loaf sugar, 2 eggs. Boil the rice in the milk until quite soft, add the butter, sugar and eggs, and a few drops of almond essence. Stir over the fire until quite thick, and turn on a plate to cool. Make into balls, dip into egg and bread crumbs, fry in boiling lard and sift sugar over them.

HASH.

Take scraps of cold meat, onions, pepper, sage, and as much sifted bread crumbs as you have meat. Chop all together, put in a stewpan, cover with water, add a pinch of salt, and hoil 1-2 hour. boil 1-2 hour.

potato BALLS.

11-2 lbs. mashed potatoes, 2 oz. butter, 2 eggs.
Season the potatoes with pepper and salt, beat very smooth with the butter and yolk of one egg, form into small balls, roll in flour, then in the egg, then in bread crumbs, fry in boiling fat.

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STEWED CELERY.

6 heads of celery, 1-2 pt. white stock, 2 tablespoons cream, butter, and flour, 1 blade of mace, pepper and salt. Wash the celery, strip off the outer leaves, cut into 4 inch pieces, put into stew-pan with stock; stew till tender, then add cream, mace, pepper and salt, a little butand flour, boil 5 minutes and serve.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE YOUNG HOUSEKEEPERS.
Proper management of the kitchen fire:—The demands upon the kitchen fire are varied. Sometimes we want a very hot oven or surface, and again we must have only a moderate amount of heat. The degree of heat must be regulated by the various checks and draughts in the range, rather than by the use of a greater or less amount of coal. In the morning remove all the ashes and cinders. Put the shavings or paper on the grate loosely, and then put in the kindling wood, crossing the pieces, that there may be a free circulation of air. Open all the draughts, and light the fire. As soon as the wood begins to burn, put on the coal. Let the fire burn ten minutes; then shut all the dampers, but keep open the draught in front of the fire. When the coal begins to burn well, add enough fresh fuel to come nearly to the top of the lining of the fire-box. Keep the front draught open until all the coal has become ignited, but not until it becomes red-hot. Now close the front draughts, and the fire will be hot enough for anything you may want to do for hours to come. Should you want only a moderate heat, there are checks with all modern ranges and stoves, which enable you to make the combustion very slow. If greater heat be wanted, open the draughts, and in a short time you will have a glowing fire. These are the great secrets of always having a good fire when you want it: do not let the coal burn to a white heat; when you do not require a hot fire, close the checks and open the draughts; and, of course, the moment there is no further need of a hot fire, close the draughts and open the checks again. A fire built and managed in this way can be used constantly for four hours. By following the above instructions, one ton of coal will last two months in the codest weather; at least, such has been my experience with a large range.

DRIED LIMA BEANS.

Soak the beans over night in 'ukewarm water. Now close the front draughts, and the fire will be hot enough for anything you may want to do for hours to come. Should you want only a moderate heat, there are checks with all modern ranges and stoves, which enable you to make the combustion very slow. If greater heat be wanted, open the draughts, and in a short time you will have a glowing fire. These are the great secrets of always having a good fire when you want it: do not let the coal burn to a white heat; when you do not require a hot fire, close the checks; when you want a hot fire, close the checks and open the draughts; and, of course, the moment there is no further need of a hot fire, close the draughts and open the checks again. A fire built and managed in this way can be used constantly for four hours. By following the above instructions, one ton of coal will last two months in the coldest weather; at least, such has been my experience with a large range.

M. E. F.

Soak the beans over night in lukewarm water. Boil about an hour in salted water, season with salt and butter, and they can hardly be distinguished from green beans. Add a pint of

them to a can of corn, and you have a delicious

and apricots are not expensive, and if properly cooked, make delicious sauce, and may also be used for pies, puddings, etc. Wash the fruit thoroughly, and put in a dish which can be closely covered. (I use a five pound lard pail.) Add cold water to a little more than cover the fruit, and all the sugar that will be required to sweeten them. Cover them closely, and put on a part of the stove where they will cook very slowly. Do not stir them at all. When they are soft, remove from the stove, if they are to be used for pies or puddings. If to be used only for sauce, remove the fruit, and cook the syrup until thick, then pour over the fruit.

PRUNES
will make a nice pie "for a change."

will make a nice pie "for a change."

POTATO SALAD

is a good dish for tea. The following is an excellent rule. Cut the potatoes into dice, and pour over them a dressing made with 3 table-spoons of olive oil, 1 of vinegar, a little salt, pepper and mustard. Cut up a small onion and mix with the potatoes after the dressing has been put on. This will be better if put in the ice-chest for 2 or 3 hours before serving. When ready to serve, garnish with chopped parsley.

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"I thought I would write and tell the cousins how to make

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My husband says I can't be beat in making that.
2 cups sweet milk, 3-4 cup molasses, a little salt,
1 teaspoon soda, 1 cup wheat flour, 21-2 cups
graham flour. Put in a basin and steam one
hour, set in the oven for five minutes, and you
will have a loaf of as nice bread as you ever ate.

Mrs. T. STEADMAN."

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MUFFINS.

1 pt. milk, 5 cups flour, 1 teaspoon soda, 2 of cream tartar, 2 eggs, 1 tablespoon butter. This makes 2 dozen.

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CORN MEAL PUDDING.

1 cup flour, 1 egg, 1 spoonful lard, same of sugar, 2 teaspoons salt, 1 of soda, 1 qt. buttermilk, and corn meal enough to make a moderate batter.

PHILADELPHIA PUDDING.

5 well beaten eggs, 5 tablespoons sweet milk, 5 of flour, a little suet, pour 1 qt. of boiling milk upon it and bake 15 minutes.

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SIMPLE SPONGE CAKE.

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3 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon cold water, 1
teaspoon baking powder sifted with 1 cup flour,
1 teaspoon lemon essence. Bake 20 minutes in
a quick oven.

GINGER COOKIES.

1 egg, 1 cup molasses, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup butter and lard mixed, 1-2 cup boiling water, 1
tablespoon ginger, 1 level teaspoon soda dissolved in a little water, flour enough to mold
soft. Roll thin and bake quick.

An Iowa Cousin.

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"As soon as you wake in the morning, try to realize God stretching forth His hand toward you, and saying: Dost thou really desire that I should watch over thee this day? and you, lift up your hands toward this kind Father, and say to Him: Yes, yes, lead me, guide me, love me, I will be very submissive! Beneath God's protecting hand, is it possible that you can be sorrowful, fearful, unhappy? No. God will allow no suffering, no trial above what you are able to bear. None can harm you, unless it be God's will, and if He allows it, be patient and humble; weep if your heart is sore, but love always, and wait—the trial will pass away, but God will remain yours forever."

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Now we have had a little talk and reading together, and we will pass on to the letters.

"I wast to send a few lines of hope and cheer to the Shut-Ins. I want to tell them to rejoice greatly, because 'the Lord hath chosen the weak things of this world.' He has 'hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and revealed them unto babes.' Because 'whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.' Is not this a proof that they are His own children, and that He has received them? 'Beloved, think it notstrange concerning the flery trial that is to try you, as if some strange thing happened to you. But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of His sufferings, that when His glory be revealed, ye may be glad with exceeding great joy.' It is of very great importance that we should be full of the spirit of submission, and the oil of gladness, when the Bridegroom comes, for it is impossible for the children of self-will to go with Him to the wedding.

STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS.

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Tempest-tossed, perplexed, uncertain, In the wilderness with Thee, In the place where Thou wast strengthened, Son of man, now strengthen me.

When the clouds are gathered round me, And my barque's far out at sea, Master, on the troubled waters, Manifest Thy strength in me.

And when lonely in the garden, Fairest spot on earth to me, In the hour of bitter trial, Give Thy will the victory.

When I'm toiling up the mountain, Bearing there a cross for Thee, Give me strength Thy will to finish, Saviour, King of Calvary. AUNT CARRIE."

When I'm tolling up the mountain,
Bearing there a cross for Thee,
Give me strength Thy will to finish,
Saviour, King of Calvary. AUNT CARRIE."

"I am very poor, but not too poor to give one-tenth
of my little income to the Lord as a thank-offering
for mercies bestowed. I did not know what to do
with so small an amount, but Comport came and
showed me that I could use it in postage, and write a
few letters as well as I could. I have suffered a
great deal, though not now a Shut-in on account of
health, but from circumstances. I think it would be
a good plan if the invalids would unite in a service of
song on Sabbath morning, singing old time favorites
from Gospel Hymns, or even reading them. May the
Lord bless you all is the wish of
Mrs. R. E. Webb, Vermillion, Ohio."

I am sure that the Lord will bless your little offering "In His Name," even as He blessed the widow's
mite. You could not put it to a better use than for
this work, of writing to the suffering and lonely ones.
"I am a poor deaf Shut-off, and my health is so bad
that I hardly ever get out of my own door-yard. I
have been stone-deaf for the past five years; there
are so many noises in my head that I can tell no
difference when standing within ten yards of a passing train of cars. A person who is not deaf cannot
realize the loneliness and desolate life of a deaf person. It seems so hard to be shut off from the sweet
songs of the birds, and what is worse than all, not to
be able to hear my baby's prattle; he looks so pitiful
sometimes when he is trying to make me understand
something and cannot, and will go away with his littile lip quivering. Many are the bitter tears that I
have shed from this cause. Best wishes for Comport.

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"As you wished to know more about the Hot Pots which I mentioned in my first letter, I will give a brief description of them. Many of these 'Pots' are pyramidal in form, and reach to the height of 10 to 56 feet, while others do not rise above the surface. The 'Big White Mound,' as it is called, is almost perpendicular, is 75 or 100 ft. high, about 300 ft. in diameter at the base, and 300 ft. at the top, the interior being about 20 ft. in diameter; its depth is not known. Most of the pots contain warm water, varying in temperature, but it is thought that it all emanates from the same source, evidently passing through strata of limestone in its subterranean course which causes it to become warm; when it reaches the surface, it evaporates and deposits its solid matter. Hence the mounds, which were without doubt hundreds of years in construction. Several of the pots are now dry. It is said that years ago, a man lost his life in one of them, which, it is believed, caused the pott odry out. The body was never taken out, but lies at the bottom in a petrified condition. It is presumed that the pots are more or less connected underneath the surface, for when driving about them, a sound is heard like distant thundering, which is a sign that the covering of the subterraneous water is very thin in places. A fine buth house, a large hotel, and a saloon, have recently been erected on the 'Big Hot Pot,' which is becoming quite famous as a pleasure resort. If any of the cousins would like information about Utah, I should be pleased to furnish it.

JOHN PROBST, Midway, Wasatch Co., Utah."

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well day since childhood, but when my burden seems heavy, I can always see some one more sadly afflicted than myself, and that helps me to be more patient. My home is in a busy, thriving little town in northern Illinois, where the beautiful prairie farming country around us is exceedingly fine. I am wearing the silver cross I. H. N., and have been enrolled as a member of Mrs. Bottome's circle in New York. Why do the coustins never say anything about flowers? Is that a forbidden topic? It is one I am passionately fond of, having a window full of nice plants, and when my friends want to make me unspeakably happy, they bring me a new or choice plant. Of course many of the cousins do drawn work. I have done a great deal, which, with my writing each week, supports me, except board. May success ever attend Comfort and its readers.

"I have been making some nice house jackets or matinees, and will tell you about them, in the hope that those who, like myself, cannot wear tight dress waists, may be benefited by the description. An old white albatross dress furnished material for two. Half the goods was dyed a delicate pink with weak cosine dye, and the other half dyed lavender with diluted violet dye. They are both made like long basques, with coat fronts and loose, full vests. The pink one has a vest of cream surah, and is edged down the fronts of the coat part and around the neck and sleeves, with ruchings of fringed silk. The lavender one has a vest of yellow China silk, and collar, cuffs, and revers of violet velvet, embroidered with yellow and violet pansies. One yellow and one lavender one has a vest of block whether the rows the back breadths of an old wrapper. My last one was made of crimson rep, with a vest of black silk, and collar and cuffs of black velvet. The rep was the back breadths of an old wrapper. My last one was made of crimson rep, with a vest of black silk, and collar and cuffs of black velvet. The rep was the back breadths of an old wrapper front) and is feather-stitched with scarlet silk. These j

valid friend. JEAN HUNT."

These suggestions are delightfully practical, and will surely prove useful to some one of our band. It is one of the trials of partial invalidism, not to be able to dress "like other folks"; but the neat and pretty jackets which Jean Hunt describes are at once stylish and comfortable. Outing cloth trimmed with coarse white or ecru lace make very pretty and inexpensive matinees, as does also the canton flannels which can now be found in such dainty shades.

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"The page devoted to the Shut-Ins looks so inviting that I must write a line, for I am a Shut-In in the fullest sense of the word, as I have not known a well day in nineteen years. I am called very patient, perhaps long suffering has brought about this condition. Reading the Bible does not make me sad, but I like other reading, and read all the good novels I can get. I am thankful to have the use of my hands and eyes. I can knit and sew: ean knit almost anything. I am not a pauper, but would be glad for some pieces of slik or plush for my quilt, or reading matter. Comport is a bright, cheerful paper; I read all the letters. Mrs. L. A. Martin, Desdimonia, Texas."

"We who are denied the pleasures of life, often enjoy descriptions of pleasant scenery, bits of travel, etc., and as I have enjoyed very much reading a letter written by a friend who went to India last autumn, describing a trip to the Himalaya mountains, I felt that I must pass it on, to refresh some other weary one. I never tire thinking of the beauties of nature in that far away land, as she describes them.

The first part of the journey was made by rail; the remaining part in an ox eart. She says, 'I spent the first night locked in the ladies compartment of the train; and reached the terminus of the railroad on the morning of an exceedingly hot day; and was doomed to the miserable little station waiting room until cool enough to start.

At last at 4 o'clock in the afternoon we made ourselves comfortable with our rugs and pillows in the straw bottomed vehicles, and the oxen commenced their monotonous all night's climb up among the mountains. As they traveled at the rate of two and a half miles an hour, we had an excellent opportunity to view the scenery which was magnificent.

I had never supposed our

The grass is full of bright red geraniums that assume astonishing proportions. The front of our veranda is completely covered with a magnificent climbing fuchsia, a brilliant mass of scarlet bloom, every tiny twig hanging full of blossoms.

A lemon verbena as large as a good sized apple-tree stands just outside my door, shedding its delightful fragrance far and wide. It measures 41 inches around the trunk, and is covered with a climbing nasturtium. It is all so lovely.

The fruit too, is as topsy turvy as the flowers, and we have strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, peaches, pears, oranges, mangoes and bananas all the same day, until one feels that the world has gone daft.'

M. A. McINTYRE, Marlboro, Mass."

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If any ladies wish crocheting or knitting done, and will write me with stamp, I can generally give them the name of some worthy Shut-In who needs the work; those wishing such work please send me their name with references as to their reliability. Please do not forget what I said in the last paper in regard to references. I will now call the attention of the cousins to

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I will now close the column with the

COMFORT BIRTHDAY LIST FOR SHUT-INS.

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Mrs. E. Jones, Alexander City, Ala., Oct. 4.
Ben C. Knight, Enfield, N. C., Oct. 21.
I shall publish each month only the birthdays occuring in that month and the next; but those who send names and dates to me may be assured that they are carefully kept, and will appear at the proper time. Each column is made up about two months before publication, so that letters must be sent in a long time ahead. I will explain, for the benefit of those who do not know about the Birthday List, that those whose names appear are worthy invalids, and would like to receive letters and little presents to make their birthdays pleasant.

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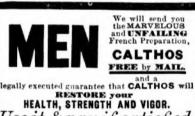
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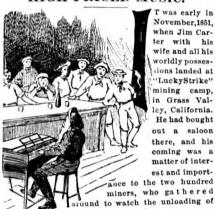
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#### HIGH PRICED MUSIC.



was early in November, 1851, when Jim Carwith wife and all his worldly possessions landed at 'LuckyStrike' mining camp, in Grass Val-ley, California. He had bought out a saloon there, and his coming was a matter of interest and importance to the two hundred

his household goods. His wife was regarded with curiosity, as many of the men had not seen a woman for two years, and Lucky Strike felt that it had gained in

importance by Mrs. Carter's arrival.

Among the furniture unloaded from the lumbering cart, was a good sized box that at once attracted great wonder.

"Guess he wont have no great call for a book case, ventured one of the men regarding it curiously.

"Taint no book-case; it's a bureau. I didn't live in

'Frisco fer nothing," said another scornfully.

Jim Carter paid but little attention to their re-

marks, until a burly looking fellow suggested that, "it looked more like a coffin than anything."

Then Carter said, "Well, seein' you're so anxious

bout that box I'll give you a look at it," and prying off the top, and clearing away the packing, he stood back to let the crowd see the contents.

"A shout of laughter, after their first puzzled look

went up from the astonished group.
"A melodeon in Lucky Strike," yelled one of the

men, and a dozen offers of assistance in setting it up were mingled with their exclamations of delight and

Carter was entirely forgotten in this new cause for pride. Everyone seemed to feel a sense of possession in the melodeon, and it was only after much discussion that it was properly placed, and its owner gazed upon it with satisfaction.

"Now, I reckon some of you fellows can work this machine?" he said looking questioningly about him. But no response came.

Carter had brought a man with him who could

play the fiddle, and he had calculated on the melo-deon to complete his orchestra.

The saloon prospered but no one could be found who could play upon the melodeon. Carter began to fear that he had made a losing investment.

The report got about the camp that one of the miners had told a friend, in confidence, that he could "knock no end of music out of that melodeon if he could get it alone for awhile." This news spread but on being questioned the miner vowed he couldn't play a note.

Thanksgiving day drew near, and Carter decorated his saloon with branches of pine and evergreens. The melodeon was covered with evergreens, and as Carter completed his work of decorating, he thought that all that was needed was someone to play the

"I'm willing to pay big money if I can get this thing going just for to-night. Look at that if you believe me," he said, pointing to a large sign hanging over the instrument:

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But midnight came and the musician was still absent; though the merriment and dancing went on to the music of the fiddle, whose squeaky notes tried to silence the noise of the storm outside.

Their hilarity was interrupted by the sudden appearance of an old man. His clothes were drenched with rain, his white hair fell about his thin face, and the half-frightened, half-crazed expression with murderer, but the mystery remained unsolved.

which he looked about him cast a gloom over the merry-makers.

Carter watched the man anxiously for a moment and then mixing a glass of hot whiskey, went up to him and said heartily, "Have a drink stranger!" The man drained the glass, and drew nearer the

"Mighty bad night for Thanksgiving aint it?" continued Carter.

The old fellow looked about at the decorations with startled look.

"November 27th," he said.

"That's about it."

"I had forgotten," he said slowly.

"Hungry?" questioned one of the men. The old man nodded.

"How long have you been on the tramp?" continued his questioner.

"Three days," was the weary answer; then looking up the old man noticed the melodeon.

'Who plays that?" he asked. "Nobody," said Carter. "Do you?"

"Years ago I used to play some."
In a moment he was surrounded by an eager group. Give us a tune, stranger," cried a dozen voices. "See that sign? Well, we'll make it two hundred if you'll play," called another.

The old man rose slowly.

"I'll try," he said. Seizing a soap-box that would serve for a stool, he seated himself before the instrument.

Instantly a hush came over the room. The cards

were no longer shuffled, no one spoke, and the glasses stood untasted.

The old man passed his fingers over the keys. He gained confidence in a moment, and his listeners heard a succession of melodies such as they had never dreamed of. Then came the old hymn tune.
that some of them had heard in their New England homes; the carols of the church, the well-known songs that recalled their childhood, their mother's voice, and the innocent happiness of the past, and as the strains of "Home, Sweet Home" filled the room the men began to sneak away. They had no further wish for drinks.

The old man was tired, and rested heavily against the melodeon as he ceased playing.

"You want to take a sleep," said Carter, helping the old man to his feet. He walked feebly behind

the bar and stretched out on some old blankets.
"I'm a sick man. I shan't last 'till morning. got a brother-his name's Mason-in the valley. Can you get him?"

Carter knew Mason well.

"I'll bring him in half an hour," he shouted as he

sped out into the storm.

"I hope I'm in time," said Mason as they came into the saloon an hour later and went toward the pile of blankets. They saw that the stranger had pulled one over his head. For a moment they feared he was dead. Then Mason lifted the blanket.

Gone," he shouted. "Yes, gone!" exclaimed Carter as he rushed to the cash-drawer, "and six thousand dollars gone with him!"

The next day the entire camp, with one exception, was out searching for the robber, but they soon lost his trail.

The exception, the man who never returned Lucky Strike, was the miner who had denied that he knew a note of music. A white wig found in the underbrush was the only memento left them.

R. HOVEY DODGE.

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#### WAS SHE GUILTY?



smoke issuing from the windows of a cottage occupied by a Mrs. Leroy and her daughter. The neighbors hurried to the

house and rushed A terrible scene confronted the horrified people. The fire was confined to one room, the sleeping re of the woman and her child.

The room was in disorder, and upon the floor las the bodies of Mrs. Leroy and her daughter, who had been brutally murdered,

There was evidence of a struggle, Mrs. Leroy's hands were tied with a handkerchief, and the murderer had set fire to the house hoping that it would be consumed and notking left to tell the story of his

The news spread like wildfire. The premises were thoroughly searched for some further trace of the

Great was the surprise of the community when the father of the murdered woman demanded the arrest of Mrs. Lucy Tracey, a sister of Mrs. Leroy's hus band, declaring that she had committed the murder. Her object, he said, was to secure a thousand dollars that Captain Leroy had left with his wife before going on his last voyage.

Upon looking for the money it was found hidden in

the shed. It was thought probable that the murderer had tried to make the victim tell where the money was hidden, and on her refusal had beaten the woman to death and killed the child. The assertion that Mrs. Tracey was the guilty

party recalled her early history to the memory of her neighbors.

She had not lived happily with her husband, and they had separated. Later her husband married again, and one morning Mrs. Tracey 2nd was found dead in her bed. Her death had never been explained.

The accusation of Lucy Tracey suggested the thought that perhaps she was guilty of not only the death of the Leroys but also of the murder of Mr. Tracey's second wife.

The excitement in the little village was intense. But one desire actuated them, to discover and punsh the murderer. Urged on by the charges of Mrs. Leroy's father a warrant was obtained for the arrest

of Lucy Tracey.

Her house was surrounded by the excited people, a thorough search was made, but she could not be found. She was traced to New York and in a pawn shop were found several pieces of jewelry that had been the property of Mrs. Leroy and had been pawned by Mrs. Tracey after the tragedy.

She was finally arrested, and, although protesting her innocence, appearances were against her and she was taken to Port Richmond to be tried for murder. Was she guilty?

If circumstantial evidence, and appearance of guilt ever weighed heavily against any one, poor

Lucy Tracey knew their utmost limit. There was apparently no hope for her. At the

coroners inquest she contradicted herself. She declared she had not been to the house of her sister-in-law for several weeks, and had not seen her for days.

Later she said that she saw Mrs. Leroy on the day before the murder.

These assertions, her sudden flight from Granite

Village and the pawned jewelry, were considered sufficient evidence to hold her for trial for murder.

Public feeling was strong against her, and Lucy Tracey had but little sympathy or assistance in this struggle to prove her innocence. Her children and a few friends believed in her and stood by her, but there seemed little hope for her.

Her trial at Port Richmond lasted for days. The best counsel that could be obtained was engaged for both sides.

It was proved that Mrs. Tracey left her home at dusk on the evening of the murder and did not return. It seemed impossible that the accused had even the faintest chance of acquittal.

The woman listened in agonized suspense for the ordict and when the jury disagreed, and she found hat a new trial was before her, her courage revived for she still declared her innocence and had faith that if time was given, it could be proved.

The people had become so prejudiced against her that it was considered best to apply for a change of venue to another county. The request was granted, and when Lucy Tracey came into court again it was with the cries of a howling mob following her. A mob who believed her guilty and would have lynched her if she had fallen into their hands.

Dressed in deep mourning she took her place in the prisoner's box, and with a fortitude and dignity worthy of respect awaited her fate.

No new evidence was produced in this new trial, and again the jury could not agree and Mrs. Traces returned to her prison. Resolute but undeflant she waited the third trial, which took place a year later in another county.

When arrested Lucy Tracey was in the prime of life. But when she came before the jury for her third trial, she was bowed with grief and looked as if her life was nearly ended.

She apparently had lost interest in the result of this last trial, and seemed to shrink from the gaze of the people who thronged the court room.

Her heart-rending sobs could be heard when there was a lull in the proceedings of the court; and the woman's pitiable condition roused almost a feeling of pity among even those who believed her guilty.

The jury acquitted her, and she left the court room a free woman.

Free, but with no earthly happiness remaining for her; bowed under disgrace and anguish she only wished to avoid the world, and in the seclusion o her home to sink out of sight and recollection.

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Was She Guilty?

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#### PROFESSOR FARRARS.



visits as a writing master began, but it was in the sixties. Apparently he travelled over a circuit, beginning in he vicinity of the Kennebec -river, and going eastward. His visits were not regular, sometimes he would reappear

as many years. His quiet, unannounced manner of coming and going, his reticence as to his own history, were very aggravating to the villagers. The secret of his home, if he had any, was profoundly kept; even his name was never fully divulged, "Professor Farrars" being all they knew of him. This reticence concerning him-self was the more strange because the Professor was naturally a very talkative old fellow; delighted when he could find willing ears to listen while he discoursed on the many wonders he had seen, on the books he had read, or better still, the art of penmanship, its past, present and future. He knew everybody in the village even the little children. On his return after an absence of a few months, he would call upon each family; asking this one about his cow, complimenting that one upon the erection of a new fence, and advising the young school teacher to keep up his study of Latin; and patting the heads of the boys and girls as they ran up to him, for with the children he was a great favorite. He would swing the rope for the girls and make kites for the boys.

Among the Professor's pupils was a lad named Frank Lewis, an active, mischievous boy, and the quiet of the school was often disturbed by an illsuppressed titter, caused by Frank's slyly pinning a paper to the Professor's coat, or by a pen and ink caricature too faithfully representing his bald head and prominent nose

Of course the old man was annoyed, but he was blessed with a gentle spirit and endured his persecu-tion without complaint.

One spring the Professor came back to the village from his usual circuit. His few locks of hair had become white and his hand trembled. He seemed to realize that he was losing his remarkable skill in penmanship, and was quiet and apparently depressed. Frank Lewis was the same mischievous boy, and attempted many tricks upon the patient old man.

A heavy rain began falling the Sunday after the Professor's arrival and continued through the next But on Tuesday the sun shone out from a cloudless sky, and filmy white mists rose from every hol-

The storm was over, but its echo seemed to linger to the north of the village. It was the noise of the waters in the creek, nearly a mile away.

"There's a big 'run-out' in the creek," someone said, and almost the entire population went up to watch it. It was a foamy, yellow torrent, suddenly swollen with the heavy rains. A boom, to catch floating timber, was stretched from bank to bank. It was of heavy logs bound together with massive iron When seen at low water it appeared able to withstand any force, but in the raging waters of that freshet, with the enormous pressure of the drift of logs against it, it seemed miraculous that it should hold together for a moment. Yet, dangerous as it appeared, a few sturdy lumbermen were upon it with their poles attempting to clear the drift.

It was a dangerous business. Sometimes a log ould be suddenly thrown upward from the drift, slide over the boom, and fall with an angry splash in

Even the lumbermen realized their unsafe position ad returned to shore. They could do nothing more to save the timber.

Frank Lewis had been watching them with fixed attention, and now stepped upon the boom from the opposite shore, and began to walk across.

Men halloed to him to go back, but he paid no at-

A log slid up from the boom directly in front of him. He lightly leaped over it as it moved, and then bowed low to the spectators on the banks, as a gymnast after a difficult feat.

No danger could be more imminent. On one side as a heaving mass of driftwood, on the other a farious torrent.

He knew the people were horrified, and he imagined his foolbardiness would be termed courage.

Suddenly there came a sharp report like the dis charge of a rifle. One of the iron links had snapped, the boom parted and with a great noise the mass of

In times past the boys had laughed at him for lifting his oars so high out of the water-now they glorified him. The Professor kept his boat to one side, but almost every moment a log would strike the frail craft. But the old man managed well, and before the mouth of the creek was reached he had helped Frank into the skiff. The danger seemed over. Once in the gentler current the boat could be easily managed.

Young Lewis was sitting exhausted in the bow of the boat, the Professor still standing over him. During the rescue the logs had surrounded them Some that had been sucked under would rise to the surface with great force. One of these struck the skiff and glancing along the side hit the old man with such force as to stun him.

Luckily Frank saved him from going overboard ad laying him down seized the cars and rowed for the shore. The Professor was still unconscious when

THE NUTSHELL STORY CLUB the boat was pulled up on the sand. Upon examination it appeared that his spine was injured, and in a few hours he was dead.

Upon looking over his papers it was found that he had a married daughter in New Hampshire.

A telegram was sent to her and the order came to have the body sent there for burial. Everybody in the village escorted the casket to the steamboat that was to carry it away; for all felt that Professor Farrars was as much one of them as if he had been born and reared in the little village.

The act of heroism that cost him his life, won him the reverence and affection of all, and his memory is still tenderly cherished.

CORA V. SCOTT.

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#### BATHING THE ELEPHANTS.



of all days of the year hat is the one on which all he city people who away go to the country, it is the one on which thousands of country people make their annual visit to the city. They all come in the spirit of the great national holiday, and they celebrate it in true patriotic fashion. They visit Bunker Hill monu-ment, Fancuil Hall, "the cradle of liberty," the Old South Church, and all the other points of historic interest in which Boston so richly abounds. But it is

on the grand old Common that they congregate in all their vast numbers. Here may be seen every form of out-of-door amusement, while the playing of the bands is constant and the noise of the Fourth of July boy fills the air. Booths and tents of every decrip-tion are placed along the shaded walks, and lemonade, pie, cake, ice cream and all sorts of refreshments are dealt out to the hungry and thirsty throng. people roam over the beautiful lawns, stretch them-selves beneath the spreading elms and give themscives up to that perfect freedom that marks the celebration of the glorious Fourth.

From the broad and open parade ground they witness at night the gorgeous display of fireworks which brings to a fitting close the day of all others in the year on which Boston Common is given up without restraint to the people. But how great the change in its appearance afterwards! The broad paths, the lovely lawns and the open fields are swept and garn ished and not until another year comes round anything unusual occur within the borders of the old Common. To this, however, there is always one exception. To the Boston small boy circus day, next to the Fourth of July, is the red-letter day of

exception. To the Boston small boy circus day, next to the Fourth of July, is the red-letter day of the year. The street parade, with all the gorgeous trappings of the modern circus, brings out in force the "small boy" brigade, and he looks with open-moutifed interest upon the wonderful sights it affords. But it is really to the old Common that his heart is turned, for does he not know that the elephants will be bathed in the famous frog pond, as soon as the street parade is finished?

Thousands of hoys and girls of all descriptions, rich and poor, dirty and clean, ragged and well-dressed, congregate around the frog-pond and await the arrival of the elephants. Presently they are seen moving majestically across the Common towards their bathing place. Amid shouts of welcome they plunge into the bath. Their splashing and blowing, and almost human antics convulse the urchins, who stand around the borders of the pond in a state of excited glee, shouting their approval of the exhibition and receiving momentarily a torrent of water from the upilited trunks of the huge animals. At the conclusion of the bath the trainers conduct the elephants to their quarters at the circus, followed by the still excited throng of "Young America." Fourth of July may be the people's day on the Common, but the small boy's day is that on which the elephants are bathed in the old frog pond. It is the day of the urchins' freedom, and it may well be celebrated within sight of the birthplace of Benjamin Franklin and across the street from the spot where lived John Hancock, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and within the precincts of the historic city where liberty first received its recognition.

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Commencing October 19th the ceremonies of dedication of the World's Fair, which will be held in Chicago, will last three days. The first event will be a reception given to the President, his Cabinet and other distinguished guests. On the second day the civic display will take place, consisting of a mammoth parade of innumerable civic societies. This procession, which will be emblematic of the triumphs of peace and industry, will be reviewed by the President. In the evening a superb water pageant will pass through the waterways and lagoons of the exposition grounds, which latter will at night be flooded with electric light. Each of the vessels will be modelled after the exact naval construction of the age which will be depicted in brilliant tableaux upon its decks, and the various periods and races to be represented are: The Aboriginal Age, representing the American In dians; the Stone Age, representing the cliff dwellers; the Age of Metal, representing the Aztecs, their manners, customs and religious rites: Columbus at the Court of Ferdinand and Isabella; the Departure of Columbus from Palos; the Discovery of America; the Return of Columbus, presenting natives and strange products before the Court. Following this will be represented the English Cavaliers and the settlement of Jamestown; Henry Hudson' Discovery of the Hudson River, also the Dutch Settlement at New Amsterdam; the Landing of the Pilgrims and an illustration of early Puritan Life. Then Ferdinand de Soto and the Discovery of the Mississippi; the French ex-Margnette, LaSalle and the opening of the Great Northwest. Next the Colonial period; Washington and his generals; the Signing of the Declaration of Independence; the Thirteen original States; the sisterhood o the great republic, welcoming the Territories to the constellation of States; the Great West; the Genius of Invention, steam, electricity, etc.; War, representing valor, sacrifice, power, death and devastation; Peace, representing tranquillity, security, prosperity and happiness. Then the various pursuits of man; Agriculture, Mining, Science, Art and Literature, and finally, the Universal Brotherhood of Man, equal rights, justice for all, and liberty enlightening

From an historical point of view this proces sion of the ages will be highly instructive, while as a spectacle it will be superb.

On the third day the ceremony of the Dedication of the Fair will commence at dawn with the national salute. In the forenoon the President, his Cabinet, members of the Supreme Court and of both branches of Congress, distinguished foreign guests, Governors of States etc., will be escorted by detachments of the regular army and of the militia to the immense building of Manufactures and Liberal Arts In the afternoon the exercises will consist of music and singing, the report of the Director General and other World's Fair officials, the dedication of the buildings by the President; closing with an oration by Dr. Chauncy M. Depew. In the evening a specially unique display of electrical effects and fireworks will be given, together with a repetition of the boat tableaux of the previous night.

The exercises of the fourth day will be notable. as they will be devoted to military maneuvers conducted upon such a colossal scale as to furnish a most magnificent spectacle and an awe inspiring object-lesson of the mighty power of the American nation.

#### Facts About the Cholera.

How PEOPLE CATCH IT .- How TO PREVENT, AND

The prevalence of cholera in foreign coun tries, together with the fact that thousands of emigrants are at present detained on cholera infested ships at quarantine in New York harbor, render it vitally important that everyone should heed the following suggestions and advice.

Don't drink unboiled water. Thorough cook ing destroys the cholera germs. Don't eat raw uncooked articles of any kind, not even milk. Don't eat or drink to excess. Use plain, whole-some, digestible food, as indigestion and diarrhœa favor an attack of cholera. Don't eat or handle food or drink with unwashed hands, or receive it from the unwashed hands of others. Don't employ utensils in eating and drinking unless they have been recently put in boiling water; the more recently the safer.

Healthy persons catch cholera by taking the germs of the disease into their systems, through the mouth, as in food or drink, or from their hands, knives, forks, plates, tumblers, cloth-ing, etc. The germs are also always present in the discharges from the stomach and bowels of those sick with cholera; therefore, don't use the hands for any purpose when soiled with cholera discharges: thoroughly cleanse them at once. Personal cleanliness, cleanliness of the living and sleeping rooms and their con-tents, and thorough ventilation should be rigidly enforced, and foul waterclosets, sinks cellars, etc. should be avoided and when present should be promptly disinfected with the solution of carbolic acid and water mentioned below, and referred to the physician, who will suggest further remedies.

Delays are dangerous, both to the patient and to the community. Common-sense demands that the earliest symptoms of this disease be promptly recognized and properly treated. Don't doctor yourself for bowel complaint, but go to bed and send for a doctor at once. If taken suddenly ill out of doors, go to the nearest neighbor and await the arrival of a physi-

Don't permit vomit or diarrhœal discharg to come in contact or proximity to food, drink or clothing. These discharges should be received in proper vessels and kept covered until removed under competent directions. Pour boiling water upon them, put a strong solution of carbolic acid in them (not less than one part of acid to twenty of hot soap-suds or water). Don't wear, handle or use any clothing or furniture soiled with cholera discharges. Pour boiling water upon them or put them into it and scrub them with the carbolic acid solution recommended above.

Don't sleep in damp beds or damp rooms Don't wear damp clothing. Keep the body, and particularly the feet, warm. Don't get frightened. Lead a careful but "natural" life. Should it be impossible to obtain prompt medical advice, the Sun Cholera Mixture, the formula of which appeared in July Comfort and which is here republished, is a remedy approved and valued by all medical men.

#### THE SUN CHOLERA MIXTURE.

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Take equal parts of tincture of cayenne, tincture of opium, tincture of rhubarb, essence of peppermint and spirits of camphor. Mix well. Dose, fifteen to thirty drops in a wine glass of water, according to age and violence of the attack. Repeat every fifteen or twenty minutes until relief is obtained.

#### HINTS ON HOME COMFORT.

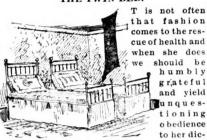
To get rid of the smell of oil paint let a pailful of water stand in the room newly painted.

To prevent the smoking of a lamp soak the wick in strong vinegar, and dry well before using it. The flame will then burn clear and

Fever-blisters when they are allowed to develop are very painful and most disfiguring; and yet they can easily be cured in the beginning by keeping a ball of saltpetre on hand and at their first appearance moistening the hall with water and rubbing it on the spot.

To break a piece of window glass to any re quired figure, make a small notch by means of a file on the edge of the glass, then draw a redhot iron rod the thickness of a pipe-stem slowly along the surface of the glass in any direction you please. A crack will follow the direction of the iron.

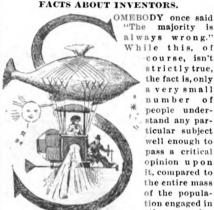
Water of every kind, except rain water, will speedily cover the inside of a teakettle with an unpleasant crust; this may easily be guarded against by placing a clean oyster shell or a piece of stone or parble in the teakettle. The shell or stone will always keep the interior of the kettle in good order, by attracting the particles of earth or of stone. THE TWIN BED.



tates. The fashion of "twin-beds" is much to be commended on the score of health, and no fashion has more quickly obtained a firm hold. In comparatively few homes is it possible that every member of the family should have a sepa rate sleeping room, yet all medical authorities agree that two persons should never sleep in one bed. The older absorbs the vitality of the younger the stronger draws strength from the weaker or else both suffer. By discarding the oldfashioned double bed and replacing it by two narrow ones, hardly any space is sacrificed while the health is benefited. A favorite style with those who can afford it is the brass bedstead, which is charming in effect but expensive. Quite as pretty is the white enamelled iron bedstead with brass knobs, costing not a quarter as much as the brass. The latter may be bought for eight or ten dollars with the mattrass. But even cheaper and capable of exquisitely dainty effect, is the ordinary wooden cot costing about two dollars or even less. With a curtain of delicately flowered cretonne tacked all around the frame, ruffled spread and pillow to match, the two little beds standing side by side, present an attractiveness never dreamed of by the large bedstead.

True, you may argue that you have the one and cannot afford to discard it and buy new ones, no matter how inexpensive. But think a moment. Can you afford to be wasting health and strength night after night year after year. when so slight an outlay would enable you to rise with renewed vigor after a refreshing night's sleep? That you have a small income and are compelled to work hard for a living, is the strongest possible reason why you should take especial care of your health. Breadwinners should remember that only the rich can

#### FACTS ABOUT INVENTORS.



majority always wrong. While this, of course, isn't strictly true. the fact is, only a very small number people understand any particular subject well enough to

opinion upon it, compared to the entire mass of the population engaged in other pursuits.

Take, for example, the many inventions which the earth's greatest geniuses have brought forth These men, during their lifetime, were branded with the names of cranks and lunatics, and in judging of the usefulness and practicability of their discoveries the world at large has been almost always wrong. Think of the geniusof the 'lunatic' who discovered steam, or the "madman" who made the wires carry messages (for these were the names the people and newspapers of the time called them). Why, the first steamboat was called "Fulton's Folly." These lessons of the past ought to warn us all not pass too hasty a judgment or discourage genius.

That marvellous repeating arm, the Maxim rapid-fire gun, which bears the inventor's name and is in use on some of our new steel cruisers. has a mechanism which is as near perpetual motion as we seem likely to get, inasmuch as after being once fired the gun by its recoil again loads and fires itself, and so continues indefinitely at the rate of several hundred shots per minute until the supply of cartridges gives out, or it should meet with one which failed to explode.

The inventor of this gun has also set himself to studying the problem of navigating the air and has recently made some very interesting and novel experiments. He thinks the problem will be solved, and perhaps it will not be long before he, or some other clever American will make a discovery that will revolutionize all present modes of travel. When this day comes it is to be hoped that the inventor will not be called a "crank." In fact, at the present time a huge air-ship is almost completed in Chicago, and shortly is expected to make a trial trip. The invention is moreover claimed by scientific men to be practicable.

Jules Verne's imaginary submarine boat, the Nautilus, is only a hundred years or so behind the fact, for we read of a craft of this kind now completed at Detroit, which bids fair to fulfill all expectations and requirements.

#### AN OCTOBER HINT.

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All communications must be addressed to Aunt Minerva, care of Comport, Augusta, Maine.

LIST OF OCTOBER PRIZE WINNERS. Delta Lamar, Henry T. Hall, Alice H. Corning,

Delta Lamar, Florence L. Llegge,
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electrotype of the prize monogram which appears in
connection with his or her letter printed below.

EAR COMFORT FRIENDS:

I am going to give you an agreeable surprise this month, by not taking up any of the space myself. I know you would rather read the let-ters than anything I could say, and so I will proceed to them at once.

"I live about two miles from Jackson Park, where the World's Fair is to be held. Excursions are running daily to the grounds from all over the U.S. The first carload of ornamental plants shipped by the Ponce-de-Leon Hotel of St. Augustine, Fla., has already arrived. It consists of nearly 900 plants, including several large palms. We are to have the "Progress," a large merchant whaler built in 1843, and one of the 37 whalers that sailed to the Arctics in 1871, when all but 5 were lost. She will be fully equipped with bombguns, harpoons, and all the implements of whaling. An old sailor who sailed her on many voyages, will come with her. R. K. ThomAs, Fernwood, Chicago."
"I am a young man 21 years old, and have lived on

respect and moral courage. It we should all upeverything in our power to save even so weak a
brother.

"How I wish Comport was a semi-monthly, so that
we could hear from our cousins oftener. I wish I
could shake hands with you, dear Aunt, you are just
the right person in the right place. I heartily agree
to all that has been said about King Alcohol and his
confederates, tobacco and profamity. Dear cousins,
do you know the evil which results from the use of
tobacco? Not long ago I read these significant facts
about the use of tobacco by boys. In an experimental observation of 88 boys of all classes of society,
and of average health, who had been using tobacco
for a period ranging from 2 months to 2 years, 27
showed severe injury to the constitution and inefficient growth; 32 showed the existence of irregularity
of the hearts action, disordered stomach, cough, and
a craving for alcohol: 13 had intermittency of the
pulse, and I had consumption. In 6 months after
leaving off tobacco, 1-2 were free from all the former
symptoms, and the remainder had recovered by the
end of the year. What a warning this is to us! It is
strange what an attraction these filthy habits have
for young men; they seem to have the unaccountable
notion that such habits impart a manly dignity to
their appearance. They labor through the deadly
sickness of learning to smoke or chew, in order to
render themselves offensive and disagreeable to
every pure-minded girl who holds her favors at the
value she ought. Why will not more of our pretty,
high-bred American ladies set a standard of purity
up to which their male friends must come, to be
worthy of their favor.

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"The discussions on the subject of what to read have interested me very much, and perhaps I can give a few points. I would advise any one who cannot read the best authors with please to cultivate a taste

best authors with pleasure, to cultivate a taste for them. Talking over a book with a friend who is fond of it will help ronderfully to make you like it. If once you come to admire an author's style, you will not stop until you have read every book he ever wrote. Do cultivate Dickens, He has writing some of the best and purest books to be found in the English language. Read 'David Copperfield' first. There is more plot with

perfield first. There is more plot with less attention paid to style, than in any other of his works. Read 'The Cricket on the Hearth' and 'A Christmas Carol,' and see if then you will not be ready for 'Dombey and Son' and 'Pickwick Papers.' Read Irving and Mark Twain and Cooper and Hawthorne, and Louise Alcott. I am 19, and I am as much in love with her books as I was at 11.

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The above is most excellent advice. If young people would only cultivate a taste for the standard authors, instead of filling their minds with so many trasby novels, we should have a different type of men and women in the next generation. It is of no use to try to keep up with modern fiction. Remember the saying of the "Sage of Concord": "When I see a new

book advertised, I go to my library and read an old



Dear Aunt Minerva:—In all the letters that come to you from various parts of the country containing the opinions of many bright writers upon many bright writers upon many bright writers upon many bright writers upon many different matters, nothing has been more interesting to me than the discussion of the subject of temperance. While I have the greatest respect for the frank and outpersed by a writer in the last number of Comport in reference to the use of intoxicating liquors.

spoken opinions of a sincere mind, I cannot agree with the views expressed by a writer in the last number of Comport in reference to the use of intoxicating liquors.

The natural craving of the human system for stimulant is universal. In some form or another every man indulges this appetite. He may not drink alcoholic liquors, but the effect which the habitual use of tea, coffee or tobacco has upon him is the same as that which spirituous liquors have upon others. I have known many so-called temperance people who were most intemperate in their use of other than intoxicating beverages and whose physical health has been nearly ruined by excessive drinking of tea and coffee. Their nervous systems have been weakened, their digestion impaired and the habit of over indulgence in these powerful stimulants become so fixed that the strength of will required to throw it off has been lost. The moderate use of these drinks is beneficial and healthful. It is in their immoderate use that danger lies.

All that may be said in favor of these other beverages applies with equal force to the use of intoxicating liquors, and particularly to light wines and beer. It is a well-known fact that the most highly civilized nations of the world are those in which wine or beer is a universal beverage. The people of Germany, the most intellectual nation on earth, and of England and France, not to speak of our own country, are living witnesses to the truth of this statement. In many of the older countries the native wines are habitually drunk and are regarded as necessary an element of food as the more substantial articles. It may be news to some of your readers that in many of the populous centers of the world it is impossible to get pure water, and a Massachusetts clergyman, a firm believer in temperance, recently returned from a residence of several years in foreign lands, states that his constant good health was due to the fact that wherever he resided he drank nothing but the beer and wines peculiar to the country.

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rious. It would surprise some of our housewives to look into a Dutch kitchen. There stands the great copper kettle, shining like gold. You can see the housewife every day standing out doors under a tree, polishing the knives, forks, etc., until they shine brilliantly. Their paths are strewn every Saturday with new white sea sand, and the barnyard's look more like one of our parks than anything else. Many an American home is not as clean as the Dutchman's stable; he scrubs it every week, and his wooden shoes are washed until they are nearly as white as snow. His horses and cows are 'fat as mud.' They sow the wheat in rows and hoe it as we do corn. They use but little machinery, as the tax is too high to afford it; the government puts a high tax on such things so as to make work for the poor people. There are two classes of people, the burghers, or city folk, and the farmers, and each class think themselves too good to speak to the other. Among themselves they are generally social and good-natured.

Wisconsin Wild Bill."

"I read Western Student's letter in July Comport, and cannot stand by with my hands

speak to the other. Among themselves they are generally social and good-natured.

"I read Western Student's letter in July Comport, and cannot stand by with my hands in my pockets looking on, without saying something, while the poor Indian is getting such a terrible raking. I feel sure that many of the cousins will take the Indian's side of the question, and make it very hot for Western Student. He seems to think the Indian was born to be chased by the bloodhound and rifle. He says they will steal, drink, gamble, and make their wives do all the work. This may be true in many cases, but look at the white man't he is equally as bad, if not worse. Who taught the Indian to swear, drink, etc.? was it not his white brother? Western Student loses his memory when he says 'the Indians had made no advancement loward civilization.' Does not history tell us that the Aztecs and Toltec Indians of Mexico were far advanced in civilization? They built cities and roads of fine workmanship, and engaged in agriculture to some extent. Of course the northern Indians were not as far advanced but had the whites any right to rob them of their home and hunting ground because they advocated hunting and fishing for a living? We believe in agriculture. Suppose some nation much stronger than we should sail to America and rob us of our homes, saying 'they will never become as highly civilized as we, why not kill them, to make room for our more advanced race?' Would we not resort to treachery too, until our race had become extinct, as our poor Indian brother has done, trying to defend his home and the graves of his kindred? Why is it that the Indians are no farther advanced? it is because the Government keeps driving them from place to place to satisfy her citizens, who are continually asking for the Indians' land. This is the way the red man of the forest has been treated, and even worse, he has been shot down in cold blood for refusing to comply with the white man's demands. I would say to the cousins who are in favor of temperance, why not

Until the Golden Rule is the moving principle in the administration of Indian affairs, the unfortunate son of the forest will never fare any better than he

does now. Greed and dishonesty have too long ruled this branch of our Government, but the change does not seem to be on the horizon at present.

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"I enjoy the cousins' letters immensely, and especially the independent way in which some of them express their opinions. By so doing, some gain the name of crank. Well, what is there about that name to be ashamed of? What would the world amount to if it were not for the so-called crank? The crank is a thing that turns something, it makes the wheels go round, it insures progress. Wouldn't be known as a crank? Why, bless you, the crank you despise will have his name enshrined in the hearts and on enduring granite, while nobody outside of your native town will know that you ever lived. Of course some cranks are crankler than others, but they are all needed. Harvey was a crank on the subject of the circulation of the blood; Columbus was a crank; Morse was a telegraph crank; Gideon and his followers must have been deemed cranks by the Midianites; the Sanhedrim esteemed and treated Jesus Christ as a crank and a fanatic. What is thought of these people at the present time? I think the cousins all know. We cannot all be cranks, but we can be one of the little cogs that are willing to be used—even by a crank. Oh, how the world naeds earnest men, known by the world as cranks, but we can be one of the little cogs that are willing to be used—even by a crank. Oh, how the world naeds earnest men, known by the world as cranks, on progress bent, political and moral evolutionists. I should be pleased to correspond with any of the cousins who are interested in temperance questions, the White Cross movement, etc.

M. Lock Box 936, Penn Yan, N. Y."

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"I did not suppose my articles on the Wisconsin Pearl Fishery would call forth so much interest as they have done. I have received letters of inquiry from Maine to Calif., and Minn. to Texas. Surely Comport's readers are widely scattered. I want to tell you what beautiful articles are manufactured from our river shells. I had hoped to tell you just the process, but as I am an invalid, cannot go out to ask about it. A fine grindstone is used, which has a sharp edge for cutting the shells into the desired shape, such as oak leaves for brooches, long bars or scrolls for lace pins, fanciful shapes for watch charms, large buckles for ladies' belts, etc.

After the articles are shaped, the outer rough surface is ground off and they are polished with pumice stone until they are as smooth as can be, and shine like burnished metal. This process brings out the colors, which are varied and be au tiful. Pins a and brooches are warled and be au tiful. Pins a and fastening in a pln. I manufacture my own pins in this way. Take any pretty little shell, fill it with plaster of paris wet with water, and insert assafety pin so that when the plaster bardens, it can easily be hooked or unhooked. Scallop shells from the sea make lovely pins. There is an easier method of cleaning the shells, although not as satisfactory as grinding. Wash clean, lay in cold lye (not too strong), take out every day and scrape with a knife to remove the lime. When it is all off, lay them in strong vinegar, changing it several times. When you think they are well cleaned, wash in soap suds and polish on a soft cloth. To the lady who sent me a large box of shells from Florida, I want to say, God bless you and reward you for your kindness. Some one sent me a paper addressed thus: To our invalid sister, Box 33. Dear friends, you can never know how that touched my heart and brought glad tears to my eyes. God bless you for thus taking me into your heart

Your sister, Box 93, Monroe, Wisc."

When so much pleasure may be given to another by such a simple act of kindness as the sending of a paper with a pleasant word, or the writing of a sympathetic letter, why do we withhold them? We ought to warmly thank our invalid sister for the pains she has taken to write all this description for us, to satisfy the curiosity of so many of Comport's readers. Let some one write her a letter expressing our gratitude, a letter which she will not be expected to answer.

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"In a late number of Comfort I noticed an allusion by Aunt Minerva to that organization known as the Essay Club, and would like to say a few words in commendation thereof. Its objects, namely, the cultivation of a literary taste among its members, and the bestowal of the fee annually imposed to retain membership, upon some worthy object, certainly cannot be too highly estimated. A love of literature is something which should be fostered and encouraged to the utmost extent, in the present cra, when there is such a tendency on the part of the literateur to fall into conventional ruts, and to become 'mere echoes of the whims of public sentiment or the anomaly we call fashion,' this opportunity wherein the views may be broadened, should receive the heart support and co-operation of all those who wish to see the cause of education carried steadily forward. The second object of the Club, the assistance rendered the poor and suffering, should appeal to all that is noblest and best in the heart of every individual.

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Fed by the love from which it rose at first,
Thrives against hope, and, in the rudest scene,
Storms but enliven its unfading green;
Exuberant is the shadow it supplies,
Its fruit on earth, its growth above the skies.'
I would be pleased to correspond with a few cousins interested in literary pursuits.

FLORENCE L. LLEGGE, 41 North St.,
New Bedford, Mass.''

New Bedford, Mass."

"I am learning the printer's trade, and can understand very well why you request that the letters should be written on only one side of the paper, as that is the way we get all our copy; it is necessary in order that there shall be no mistakes. I have followed your advice in regard to 'looking for something wonderful' for the past 2 years, and can say that there is nothing more interesting. I have found many wonderful things, both in art and nature. One of the most curious is an arrow-head which is before me as I write. It is 3-8 of an inch long, and as wide and sharp as my pen, made of the finest of flint. Among my specimens of nature are beautiful petrified wood, shells, etc.; but Nature herself is most wonderful of all. Will all lovers of Nature write to me.

FRED LUX, Pekin, Ill."

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The advice which I gave to the young folks might well be taken up by all, in the sense in which this nephew speaks. There are so many wonderful and beautiful things in God's world, if our eyes are only open for them.



open for them.

"My home is near the foot of a rugged mountain in one of Utah's peaceful vales. There are many things of interest to a lover of nature in this vicinity. About 30 miles from here is a selenite cave, or deposit. The crystals are formed in many shapes and sizes, some pieces being several feet long and a foot or more thick, and as clear as glass. In going to this cave, we follow down a stream of clear mountain water, passing through what is called Capitol Wash, which is a narrow gorge or pass, with massive wails of solid rock rising on either side to a height of 400 or 500 ft. Some of these walls are covered with hieroglyphics, and in several places are caves in which have been found relies of much higher civilized tribes than roam over this region at the present day. In many places great basins have been formed at the foot of these walls by the water pouring over them, which it always does in the rainy seasons; the sprays from these mountain torrents can be felt at a great distance. I would like to corresport with those interested in literature, history, or nature.

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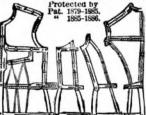
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This plan has my approval, and I hope all will be prompt in helping it along.

"With all the preparations now going on for the big event in '93, everybody, the women in particular, seem to be forgetting something, and thereby the loyalty of woman to woman and the chivalry of man to woman promises to suffer exceedingly." The speaker was a charming old school gentleman who was stopping in Chicago recently. "We have been surfetied," he continued, "with talk regarding Christopher Columbus and schemes to have his picture, an illustrated history of him, relies of his birthplace and of his wanderings, brought here and put on exhibition. This homage-paying to Christopher is proceeding on all hands with excess, and it is quite right and proper; but why don't we hear something about Mrs. Columbus? Probably but few people nowadays ever knew that there was ever such a woman as Mrs. Christopher Columbus? It occurs to me as particularly singular that in this day, especially women are being accorded so much of prominence and largely by reason of their own enterprise too, that upon this occasion the memory of Mrs. Christoper Columbus is permitted to be so entirely out of it instead of his. I have been reading upon the subject large of the speculative and adventuresome ideas and schemes in theline of geographical discovery for which Lisbon was then the headquarters. She possessed a fine education and was widely known as a brainy, brilliant woman, who was constantly urging her husband on in the path which finally brought him to the wondrous goal with which we are so familiar. While a girl Miss Palestrello made a number of hazardous voyages with her father in unfamiliar waters, and later made many geographical drawings, several of which were used with great profit by Columbus when he had won her for a wife and set out upon his more important wanderings on the great deep. There probably is no picture of this brave, talented woman exta

NOTE.—The above was received from an anonymous source, otherwise a monogram would have been awarded.

"When C. L. C. mentioned music in the June ComFORT, I felt that my time had come to speak. Music
is the greatest passion of my life, and an art which I
consider unequalled on earth. As Bryant would say,
'For his gayer hours there is the lively and animated
dance, while with her soft and mournful strains she
glides into his darker musings, steals away their
sharpness ere he is aware.' Hoosier Lad."

"I am a young man working with the Edison Electric Co. at Chicago, and hope to be a first class electrical engineer in a couple of years. If any of the
cousins are interested in that subject, I should be
glad to correspond with them. H. H. OLSEN,
Edison Gen. Electric Co., Drawer EE,
Chicago, Ill."

"The Keeley Sanitarium for the cure of drunken-

Chicago, Ill."

"The Keeley Sanitarium for the cure of drunkenness is situated six miles from my home. It has 70 or more patients now. I will give a little description of the treatment. The first thing is to find a boarding place, for they are not allowed to board at the hotel. Then they go to the Sanitarium, where something is injected into their arm, and then they are given all the liquor they want. Each day they are treated in this way, and after a while the liquor does not taste as good as it used to, soon it makes them sick, and in about a month they are cured.

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While in N. Y. at the C. E. Convention, I heard the
noted temperance lecturer, John G. Woolley, give
one of his brilliant addresses. He is very severe in
his ridicule of this Keeley cure, and characterized it,
in a caustic way, as 'a substitute for salvation by
hypodermic injections," There is a branch of the
Keeley Institute in Maine now, although I suppose
that some would think that we did not need it in a
prohibition (?) State!
"I think that the women have as much right to de-

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"I think that the women have as much right to decide who shall govern them as the men; they are, as a rule, more honorable, and would not sell their vote for a glass of whiskey or a cigar. Were we not made with minds and tongues as well as the men? I believe the men who object to women voting, must consider that their own actions at the polls are unfit for heir wives' or friends' inspection. I want to be a doctor, or at least a nurse, and have an excellent chance for the latter, as I can obtain 20 months practice, with two dollars a month, at a hospital. They are only too glad to get nurses, and if any of the cousins wish to enter that work, I will give them the address if they will send me a self-addressed postal Would like to have a few correspondents.

"Issmall Freeland, Mich."

"Simple Cynic gives as his opinion that if the

"Simple Cynic gives as his opinion that if the women had the privilege of the ballot-box, they would soon exterminate the liquor traffic. I thought so once myself, but when I came to live in this place, my ideal was shattered. In this county, before a person can be given a license to retail intoxicating drinks, he must first procure ten signers out of the nearest nineteen bona fide residents, who must be heads of families, without distinction of sex. Several men have refused to sign, and have done their best to persuade others to do the same; but in the 4 years that I have lived here, I have to find the first woman who was qualified to vote on the subject, who did not always vote for the sale of liquor by signing her name on every license presented to her for signature. I am sorry it is so, but nevertheless, Simple Cynic, it is a fact. A TOTAL ABSTAINER."

This is enough to make any woman blush for her sex. But I was never hopeful of any great reform to be worked by woman's being given the right to vote, for there are as many bad women as there are men, and the "balance of power" would remain same in the end.

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Boston, Mass.

Dear Aunt Minerva:—Shall the Goened on Sundays? That is the question that is agitating many minds just now, and while the appropriation of Congress for the Fair is conditioned on the closing of the exhibition on Sundays, it is still thought that some arrangement may be made that will not deprive the vast throng of people of the privilege of spending a portion of Sunday in viewing the marvellous exhibits that will be placed before them in Chicago next year.

The old-time observance of Sunday still has a strong hold upon many people of the older sections of the country who retain the less liberal sentiments of other generations. But with advancing years and ther paid increase of population gathered from all parts of the world, the customs of other countries have been introduced and there has arrisen a demand for opportunities of recreation on Sunday for the thousands of people who are confined closely to their labors during the week. This demand, which exists chiefly in the great centers of population, does not conflict with the rightful exaction of the church.

The visitor to Boston Common on a Sunday in summer would hardly realize that in the early Colonia

days the whipping-post was the point of attraction instead of the band stand of the present day, and that a crowd of sympathizing apectators witnessed mourfully the marks of the falling last linkes at the control of the control of

#### MONOGRAM PRIZES APPRECIATED.

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To show that the cousins are delighted with the efforts of the Editor to improve our column and reward the correspondents I publish one of several letters already received by the publishers:
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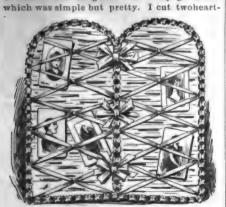
make the Christmas gifts.

Just here, I think it is well to remind the Busy Bees that strict observance of all the conditions is absolutely necessary. Of these not the least important is that only one side of the paper is to be written upon. The most important, however, is the one that seems to have been most generally overlooked. That is the condition of Originality. I am sorry to say that many of the hive from

whom we were glad to hear, sent suggestions that were duplicated scores of times. Still, there is so large a number of excellent hints remaining that it will not be easy to award the prizes. The limited space renders it necessary to select only the most novel, either in application or idea, for publica-tion. Of these, some will be necessarily held over until our next issue, when the prize winners will be announced.

The contributors may notice that in several cases, one or two selections have been made from their suggestions where it has not seemed desirable to include all. From a Bee in the Nutmeg State come some clever ideas

She writes: "It is SPECTACLE CASE FOR rather jolly to have SPECTACLE CASE FOR remembrances of GRANDMA OR GRANDPAPA pleasant summer times revived in the midst of winter and this summer I gathered up a store of birch bark with which I have made several souvenirs so much admired by my friends that I thought they might be useful to the Bees. Grandma was delighted with an eyeglass case

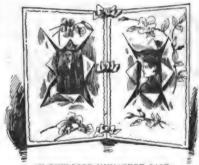


PHOTOGRAPH HOLDER FOR A MALE COUSIN.

shaped pieces of bark, worked a pair of eyeglasses with the words "Let me see!" below, on one below, on one piece, lined and bound both with ribbon of

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E are more than pleased with the great amount of interest taken in our prize offer for Christmas suggestions, which has been most satisfactorily shown by solarge a number of letters on the subject that it is necessary to begin at once to publish them. However, it is just as well, we are sure the Busy Bees will say, to anticipate the aunounced beginning, as It diditional in which to is well to remind the reane of all the concessary. Of these not at only one side of the rounces are not have relooked. That is the I am sorry to say that



AN ENVELOPE-MINIATURE CASE.

on each leaf of the cover is laid a strip of the satin about two inches broad. A binding of narrow ribbon makes all firm and by bending the covers back carefully the book is easily slipped into its cover. A painted fern frond ornaments the front page. Of course all these articles can be made of other material than birch bark, when that cannot be procured, as cardboard covered with plush, etc.



FOR MATCHES AND SCARF PINS.

A cute little surprise pincushion that I made for my sister amused her greatly. I covered a little round cylinder of bark with a top, made a pincushion on the lid and put a frill of lace around it. I then fastened a comical little figure on one end of a spring, covered the rest of the spring with silk and attached it firmly to the bottom of the basket. A button and loop confine the top. When unfastened out pops the quaint surprise party.

By the way, here is something else that is the simplest thing possible yet very pretty. It is an "envelope miniature case." Take two square envelopes of heavy quality and of some delicate tint, such as heliotrope. Cut two diagonal incisions, crossing in the middle, and bend the resulting four sides or flaps back, as shown in the illustration. Everyone should have a bottle of liquid gilding in the house, so you had better get some and with a small brush apply it irregularly to the edges of the envelopes and of the flaps. With mucilage fasten one of the little photographs now so fashionable, in each of the openings, tie the envelopes together with dainty bows of ribbon and you have a charming little ornament at almost no

cost or trouble. If you paint, add tiny sprays of violets or forget-me-not.

I believe I am not to exceed six suggestions, but as the spectacle and eyeglass cases are practically one, I think I may venture to describe a convenient little article suitable for a man. Take a small piece of birch bark—say about 6 by 3 inches—and bind or paint the edges suitably. Make two little cylinders of bark and fit bottoms to them. Fill the top of bark and fit bottoms to them. Fill the top of one cylinder with a little cushion for scarf pins. Leave the other open, for matches. Decorate the cylinders with monogram, motto or flowers, either embroidered or painted. Sew or glue the cylinders upright on the base-board, either close together or a little distance apart. Also glue a little strip of sandpaper upon the base, to strike matches upon. If birch bark is not available, cover a thin board with plush or other suitable goods, and make the cylinders of pasteboard covered with the same, or contrasting material.

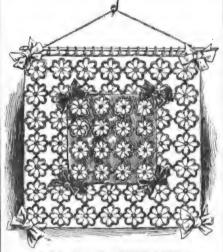
I suppose the other Bees are all swarming about my ears now because I have been buzzing so long, so good-bye,

MAE Nevens.

New Haven, Conn.

If all the Bees buzzed to such good effect as

If all the Bees buzzed to such good effect as Mae we should be glad to hear from them at any length. A very nice letter comes to the hive from Sallie B. McCoach of Sistersville, W. Va., a sister Bee who has many artistic ideas. The watch pocket here illustrated is pretty and the



A WEST VIRGINIA WATCH POCKET

making is described thus: Take two pieces of cardboard 7 inches square, cover one side of one piece with pink silk and one side of the other piece with blue satin, put several layers of wadding between satin and cardboard, crochet a square the same size as the cardboard, in any pretty open-work pattern out of pink crochet silk, fasten over the satin, cut two pieces six inches long and 5 inches wide, one of silk and one of satin, lay them together, fold in the edges and whip, or button stitch, all around. Crochet a strip same size as the satin strip, finish all around with a scallop edge, lay over the satin, run a draw thread 1-2 inch from each edge and draw in until it is 3 inches wide, fasten in center of satin covered square, and fasten the two squares with the silk covered one at the back, finish the edge with tinsel cord or with a row of scallops, put a tiny bow of very narrow blue ribbon in each corner of the little pocket, and bows of wider ribbon in each corner of the 7 inch square. Fasten a small brass banner rod at the top to hang up by. Any combination of colors may be used, do not make your crocheted square thick, as much of the beauty depends on the satin showing through. A wheel pattern is pretty and does not need the scallop on the edge. The other designs are pretty and useful but not sufficiently novel to be advisable to print.

From a Bee in Oldtown, Maine, comes a good

From a Bee in Oldtown, Maine, comes a good suggestion for a scrap-basket. Take three old



AN OLDTOWN SCRAP BASKET.

broom handles or rustic sticks and join them firmly, making them flare as widely as the desired size of your basket. Take small manilla rope, such as is used for clothes-lines. Tack one end at the joining and wind the rope around the outside of the poles, as close as possible until the top is reached. Fasten the end firmly with a long tack and tack the rope in as many places as are needed to secure it, at the poles. Varnish the rope and when nearly dry give two or three coats of gold or bronze. The legs may be ebonized or gilded. Tie a ribbon around the joining and attach a pretty bow to each corner. This is either for work or scraps and is very ornamental, as the illustration shows.

From Evelyn G., Pleasanton, Iowa, comes a

From Evelyn G., Pleasanton, Iowa, comes a pleasant letter, and from her suggestions we cull one that is certainly novel. It relates to a Triplet Vase made of cow horns and is as follows: Get three horns from a butcher or slaughter-house. Clean and boil them; polish with sand paper and sweet oil. If you can paint, a spray of flowers on each horn is pretty. Punch a hole in each, about 3-4 of an inch from the top and fasten together with an invisible fastening of wire over which arrange a bow of ribbon. This forms a very pretty set of vases for flowers in water or earth, or dried grasses. The edges can be "saw-toothed" if preferred, with little trouble.

protrude from the strands, leaving it perfectly smooth. Then measure off 12 pieces each 28 inches long. Take four lengths, lay flatly to-



THE TRIPLET VASE FROM IOWA

gether and catch with a strong thread. Proceed the same with remaining lengths; then braid, using the four lengths as one strand. Lap the ends and sew firmly and as flatly together as possible. This makes the brim of the basket. The bottom is made by sewing one piece of the rope around in one flat coil until if fits into the top part, sew with as blind stitches as possible. Now measure off three lengths of is inches each and braid, leaving three inches unbraided on each end to ravel for tassel. This makes the bail, which is sewed on to cover the joining of the brim. To cover the fastening of this, put on each side a nobby bow of ribbon 1 inch wide. Line with China silk, or anything preferred. It takes only a small piece and may be shirred or puffed in, according to taste.



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for flowers in water or earth, or dried grasses. The edges can be "saw-toothed" if preferred, with little trouble.

Another "Oldtown" Bee sends a group of suggestions from which we select the jewel casket for description and illustration. Get 3-4 of a pound of 1-4 inch manilla rope, being careful to have it white and clear as possible. Take scissors and trim off carefully all the fibres which

#### Simple Science for Busy Breadwinners.



LECTRICITY, in its various applications, furnishes livelihood for a vast and rapidly growing army of intelligent and educated breadwinners. And of all the professions it to-day throws open the widest unexplored field to the ambitious young man seeking a promising oppor-All of the tunity.

largest colleges have established electrical engineering departments and these branches are crowded with

Just what electricity is nobody knows. It varies from the tiny harmless spark one brushes from the soft fur of the family cat to the frightful force of the thunderholt. It is a good servant but a dangerous master and too much care cannot be exercised in the use of powerful currents. The many accidents reported are the result of an intense current passing through the human body, either to another wire, or off into the ground. The shock to the vital powers is so great as in many cases to kill the individual, and executing criminals by this method has in the State of New York taken the place of hanging, as being in stantaneous and therefore more humane.

New discoveries in electricity are constantly being made and the most advanced students and inventors dare not prophesy future developments, or what can or cannot be accomplished by means of this wonderful force. At the present time its use is divided into four general branches, the telegraph, the telephone electric lighting and the production of power for driving machinery. To this list may perhaps be added another branch, very small compared to the others, viz: the production of heat. This mysterious force makes communication instant between places far distant, drives sewing machines, printing presses and many other kinds of machinery, lights and propels street cars, railway trains, lights houses, roads and steamboats, and the immediate future will doubtless witness its introduction into many other fields of

Electricity itself is always the same, no matter how or by what means it is produced. The currents used in telegraphing and telephoning are not very strong and are generated by the action of various metals and chemicals placed in glass jars called "batteries." For other purposes requiring powerful and sustained currents, as in driving machinery or furnishing electric light, electricity is manufactured in power-houses by means of a "dynamo" driven by a stationary steam engine. The current is conveyed from these houses by wire to wherever it is wanted, and meters have been made by which anyone using electricity can be charged with the amount consumed. The exact construction and operation of batteries and dynamos is left for a future article.

No less renowned a genius than Thomas A. Edison a few years ago said that he thought it would be impossible to build a dynamo that would furnish a strong enough electrical current to light more than one thousand lamps, and at that time it seemed very But the coming World's Fair will equipped with several dynamos, each of the capacity of ten thousand incandescent lamps. Nearly ninety thousand lights of this description will be used about thousand lights of this description will be used about the buildings and grounds. A recent report of building statistics also says: "Nine-tenths of the new houses being erected in the city of Indianapolis are being wired throughout for electric lighting."

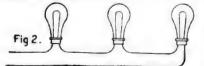
All over the country these lights have become so common that their appearance has almost ceased to be a novelty to anybody, yet it is safe to say there sn't one person in a hundred who has any idea of how it is done. As the production of light is one of the most important uses to which electricity has been put, the following short explanation will interest busy workers. It is neither technical or confusing, but will present in a popular way, the main points of incandescent lighting, the system usually employed in illuminating homes.
First, as to the incandescent lamp itself. Its gen



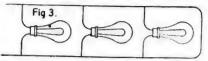
eral appearance is given in Light is produced by a charred, horse-shoe haped loop of bamboo or ther vegetable fibre, hardly hicker than a hair. Elecricity traverses some subtances more freely than thers. This charred loop presents such resistance to the passage of the current that it is kept at a white heat. These loops would burn out instantly if exposed to common air, but as combustion is not

possible in a vacuum, they are placed in sealed pear-shaped glass bulbs from which the air has been exhausted. The intense heat causes these slowly waste away and when they finally break the lamp is useless and is thrown away. The manufacturers guarantee them for five hundred hours burning, but they generally last much longer. The usual sizes are ten and sixteen candle-power. Two little wires project from the base of each glass bulb, connected inside with the ends of the charred horse-shoe of "carbon filament." In order to produce light it is only necessary to attach these wires to the two wires our electrical generator (battery or dynamo) and if the electrical current is of sufficient strength, the tiny white-hot loop glows with intense brilliancy.

But you want several lights, perhaps in different rooms, or along the street. Supposing you connect them as shown in Figure 2. Now come some of the freaks of electricity. They will burn nicely until a lamp breaks or you should wish to turn one out, and



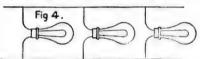
then every lamp in the circuit would go out. Why is this? In the first place, electricity will not start on



a circuit at all unless the circuit is complete and unbroken. As the lamps are arranged, the current has to go through every lamp to reach those beyond and complete the circuit. To stop its passage through a lamp would be just like cutting the wire itself. To cut the wire, however, would be a dangerous experiment, for the reason that the current would instantly form a new circuit into the great reservoir of electricity-the earth-through the body of the person who had interrupted it. Neither can we arrange the lamps as shown in Figure 3. The current would avoid the great resistance through the lamps, and would travel around on the outside wire without passing through a single one, for electricity, like human nature, always goes the easiest way round and does as little work as possible.

The solution of the problem is Figure 4. The

electricity must pass from one wire to the other, and to do so divides itself equally between the lamps. Should one of these break, or be turned off, the current divides itself among the remainder, which thus. instead of going out, become if anything, brighter The current of electricity must be proportionate in strength to the number of lamps. If too weak, the lamps give a yellowish light instead of white. All



connections are made with copper wire, used because of its excellent conducting powers. This wire is cov-ered with cotton, neatly braided on by machinery, and this wrapping coated with some waterproof and non-conducting compound, thus protecting the wire from contact with anything through which the elec-tricity might escape. No matter whether there are two or two thousand lights in a circuit, they must be arranged on the principle shown in Figure 4.

Our next article will deal with electricity as a

#### Young Folks' Department.

Y DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:

Auntle seems to think that I had better keep this column for the present, as she has so much to do; but I hope that you will all entire the present of the present

folks.

"The cousins usually tell about their pets, so I will tell about ours. The most remarkable ones are fish in a large pond near the house. In warm weather they will come near to the bank and eat bread from our hands, and when we children put our bare feet in the water, they will come and nibble our toes. My little sister has a kitten that will play hide-and-seck. I live in the country, and have a happy home. I appreciate my good health more than ever when I read the letters of the Shut-ins, and extend to their my sympathy. I should have been in that group of children when Auntie touched their noses with lemon juice.

MARY M. BROCK, Eagleville, Mo."

I do not believe that you go a-fishing very much in

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"I want to tell you about my home. It is situated just 18 miles north of the Ohio river, in the forks of the Big and Little Indian creeks. It is the old capital of Indiana, and is a very beautiful town. The old State House is still standing, and is in good order. The Governor's mansion is in ruins, but the old elm tree, under whose branches Congress used to meet in summer, is still very beautiful. I am a boy 15 years old, and have been going to the High School for several years. The woods are full of a dozen different kinds of flowers, and we have fine times gathering them. I live on an elevated piece of ground about 200 yards out of the town limits, which are extending steadily toward our land. The highest hill in the country around is about 900 ft. high. We have a sulphur spring in this place, and one of the finest fresh water springs in the State. Corydon is a kind of summer resort for people from Louisville and other cities near. I would like to correspond with some of the cousins.

Ina BENTON, Box 245, Corydon, Ind."

Here is another little fellow from Texas. I believe

Here is another little fellow from Texas. I believe that they raise some smart boys among the cotton down there.

down there.

"I am a little boy 6 years old, and live on a farm in the prairie country of Texas. I picked 1,800 lbs. of cotton last year. Mama was sick last summer, and papa and I kept house. I whye dishes for mama, and help her sweep too. I have never been to school, but am learning at home, and can read a little. I have 2 brothers, one 5 years old named John, and Baby Joe. I am taking care of little Joe while mama writes this for me. Papa bought John and me a saddle, and we have a nice time riding.

HURLI MCCLELIAN, Coryelle, Texas."

"I am quite interested in the collections of coins.

HURL MCCLELIAN, Coryelle, Texas."

"I am quite interested in the collecting of coins, stamps, etc. I agree with W. F. Case about forming a collectors club for the purpose of exchange, and of getting acquainted with each other. Collecting is not only pleasurable, but also profitable and instructive. Many people make a good deal of money by collecting old coins and selling them to dealers. I as strongly oppose any collecting that is foolish or wicked, as I approve of that which is beneficial. Would like to correspond with those interested in collecting. Edward Sheffard, Wellman, lowa."

"I am a little Danish girl, 8 years old. I go to school every day except on washing day, when I have to help my dear mama. We have a fine teacher. I want to surprise my mama and paps with this letter want to surprise my mama and paps with this letter. CHRISTIANE NIPPELSON, Stony Ford, Cal."

Christiane Nippelson, Stony Ford, Cal."

"As this is my birthday, I will write to you. I am a little girl 13 years old. My parents being poor, my advantages for an education are small. I have the opportunity of attending the public school tree months only in the year, that being all the appropriations made by the State. The public school system of our State is almost a failure. I live in the extreme north corner of Jackson Co., Ala., in the fertile Valley of Tennesee, so-called. We are surrounded by beautiful mountain scenery. The land along the river is very productive, the staples being corn and cotton. Our county is a prohibition county; no whiskey is allowed to be sold here.

I should think that the school system of that State

I should think that the school system of that State was not only almost, but entirely a failure. What would you think, young folks of New England, to have school only three months in the year? I think that our young friend from Ala. has done wonderfully well, with the advantages she has had, to write as good a letter as this.

"We live in the country; Petersburg is our nearest city, and that is 8 miles. There was a candy feast at our church at Xmas, and my little nephew recited a piece we found in Comfort called 'An Appropriate Present,' about Polly and Santa Claus. He spoke it beautifully, the is only b years old), and he held up an old stocking and the darning cotton ran right through on the floor. There was the greatest laugh that you ever heard. For pets we have about 250 chickens, and 50 Pekin ducks; they keep us very busy, as they have to be kept so clean, or sickness will come among them. We think a great deal of Comfort, it brings comfort every time it comes to our home.

Rosa B. Rodgers, Derby, Va."

Now I shall expect a great many letters from the

Now I shall expect a great many letters from the young folks. You may direct to Auntie or to me, in care of Comfort. With best wishes, your UNCLE JOSEPHUS.

#### HOW I MADE MY START.

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#### THE SKIRT DANCE.

MONG the latest crazes, not only in theatrical but in social circles, is the skirt dance. It was introduced into this country by the Gaiety Theatre girls from London and since has been the rage everywhere. There is really no novelty in this dance, it being a mere elaboration of the old ballet dancing which for genera-tions has been so popular. The dancer is differently costumed but the dance itself is the same in principle. The simple and artistic skirts

reaching to the floor with their sweeping fullness, give the fair dancer perfect freedom of movement,

gesture and step make a picture of great beauty

and refinement. We do not advise readers of COMFORT to adopt this vocation but they should know what it is, and learn also that all that glitters is not gold and that the smile of the skirtis often assumed. Popular favor is only won by hard work and a life of constant sacrifice, cruel rebuffs and bitter tears choked back. return, as your beauty wanes, some actress—younger and fresher—takes your place, and from that on, life is a struggle. You are hoarse, but u must speak in a sweet sice, you are ill, but your must be nimble. It is hard to convince the enthusi-

astic girl of this, but it hap-

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every day. Private theatricals and home entertainments are ntirely a different matter, and young people with talent oft-times prove very acceptable as amateur

A few hints for the Skirt Dance may not be amiss at this point. In the dance the feet should be kept in the mir as much as possible, indeed, one might say that the "high kick" with its accompanying swirl of petticomts is its principle feature. Three underskirts are worn, each with a full flounce on the upper and under sides. The first one is securely fastened below the knee. This prevents the drapery from falling out of place. Chima silk and tulle are the favor-ise fabrics, but soft white lace and India mull are often employed, being less expensive. The skirt of the dress is of some light material-accordeou plaited—and measures from ten to fourteen yards around the bottom. The peasant bodice is usually of velvet and fastens with lacing cords. Some very pretty skirts for church fairs and school entertainents have been made of cheesecloth in the delicate tints. These plait nicely and are comparatively in-

The Serpentine Dance lately introduced in this antry, demands a voluminous skirt, eighty yards of material being required for its construction. It is thirty yards around, ungored, and touches the floor. Confined to the short baby-waist by coarse gathers, the material falls in soft folds to the feet. Tights of some faint color are worn, the fullness of the skirt making under-drapery unnecessary. The dance is founded on that of the Nautch girls who appeared at Paris Exposition, and consists of the dancer whirling the skirt about as she executes her steps. At one time it twists like a gauzy serpent, again it rises like the wings of a butterfly, and in the last figure completely envelopes the dancer. The more airy the material the more effective the dance, and a bright girl with a skirt, and full-length mirror, can in a short time unravel this-the latest thing in dancing. Its peculiarity, and charm, lies in the deft handling of the skirt and the graceful undulations of

Our illustrations are taken from life and represent iss Loie Fuller and Miss Allen, two of the most brilliant skirt-dancers in the country.

#### FACTS FOR THE FAIR SEX.



LDEST of all cere monies is that of marriage, and among all nations, no matter how highly civilized, there lingers some custom in relation odd than the Rus-

ce down the aisle of the church, because of the belief that the one who first steps on the carpet in front of the altar will rule the house!

As the higher education of women goes on, it is interesting to note how the status of the "old maid" has changed. At the present day no one thinks of assuming that the unmarried woman of middle age has been scorned by the stronger sex, but rather takes for granted that her fastidious tastes failed to find any man sufficiently attractive to marry!

Some of the brightest and best women of our day have chosen a life of single blessedness. rather than marry simply because they had "the chance."

One of the most startling sights of the great Columbian Exhibition in Chicago will be the regiment of Amazons or women soldiers, which will accompany the exhibit from Dahomey, a little State in Western Africa on the coast of Guinea. An entire village will be transported

to Chicago and will live just as in their native land. The women soldiers of Dahomey have been famous in history from time immemorial and are the ruling power in the State. Only the largest and strongest women are allowed to serve in this capacity and they are treated with almost superstitious respect by the people.

Speaking of marrying, it seems that feasting has always been considered a necessary adjunct of joyful occasions. The wedding feast is as old as love itself. Even our nineteenth century civilization, with its disdain of effete symbolisms and superstitions, still clings to the wedding breakfast or supper. The feast was originally a religious feature, being a sacrifice to the household gods, but gradually lost that significance and became merely a part of the merrymaking. The "bride's cake," which was once her special offering to the deity presiding while the grace and naturalness of over marriage, retains a somewhat distinctive

character as only she is allowed to cut it. The English bride's cake is frequently five feet high, and decorated with shields and flags and family crests. The American is more modest. At a recent fashionable wedding however, the bride's cake was about two feet in diameter and represented a tower on whose summit rested a dove, emblematic of peace. Delicate ferns and ivy wreaths twined about the tower and the effect was exquisitely dainty.

Much is said in the

tiest fad of the day is the use of black velvet ribbon, especially on the light haired maiden. The ribbon is knotted coquettishly in several different places according to the taste of the donner. A simple but effective ornament for an evening party is made by winding any color ribbon around two pieces of wire, thereby making a Greek fillet. A girl with perfect features wears a single rose among her coils, and the one with the round and piquant face adorns herself with a ribbon of gold with pert little upstanding bows. There is no reason why with a little study of the face all the girls should not find some becoming mode of hairdressing.

#### The Great Diamonds of the World

HERE are a few diamonds in the world of such great value that but few persons care to own them, for a great diamond like a great fortune entails an endless amount of harassment and is a constant source of anxiety. Perhaps the largest and most valuable is the famous Koh-i-noor Diamond now belonging to the Queen of England. Of all the great diamonds of the world it has the most romantic history. It was originally found in the mines of Golconda, how long ago no one can tell. The Hindoos who are fond of big figures claim that it was first worn by Kama, King of Auga nearly three thousand years ago, but the first authentic history we have of it is during the reign of a celebrated king known as Shah Jehan, the Great Mogul. He was a very powerful king and chief among all the tribes of India. It is not an uncommon thing now-a-days to speak of a conceited man in derision as a Great Mogul, yet few people know from whence the term originated.

Shah Jehan employed a Venetian diamond cutter to polish the gem, but the mandid his work very poorly, and the Mogul in a rage fined the jeweller ten thousand ducats instead of paying what he agreed to. But for this blundering butchery the Koh-i-noor

would to-day be the largest, as it is the most brilliant, diamond the world has ever seen. In its native country the Koh-i-noor was regarded with interest and admiration, and all sorts of wonderful and mystical powers were ascribed to it. This naturally excited the cupidity of the neighboring chiefs, and frequent wars were a result.

Early in the present century the Khan of Cabul was the possessor of it, from whom the famous chief Lahore obtained it in an audacious manner. Having heard that the Khan of Cabul possessed a diamond which had belonged to the Great Mogul, and which was the brightest and purest gem ever seen, he invited the unfortunate owner of the gem to his court, and there having him in his power demanded the diamond. The guest however had provided himself with an imitation which he delivered up to his covetous host after a slight show of resistance. The delight of Lahore was extreme but of short duration



newspapers about the indolent habits of fashionable American women, but they are activity itself in comparison with the aristocrats of Russia. As no one of the upper class of that country thinks of retiring before three o'clock in the morning, it is quite natural that most of the day should be passed in slumber and it is said that there are many fashionable women of rank in St. Petersburg, who have not been seen except by gaslight for years.

A favorite amusement for these Russian aristocrats is the "Troika" party. The troika is a large sleigh with three horses harnessed abreast. Women and men wrap themselves in furs from head to foot and, with the thermometer at 30 degrees below zero, are driven rapidly through streets still with the silence of midnight, far into the suburbs until some lonely tavern is reached where supper may be found, Near St. Petersburg these taverns frequently quaint and curious have bands of gypsies in the vicinity, who will come and dance and sing their strange, sweet thereto. None songs for the visitors who listen enchanted however, is more until the sun's distant rays warn them that the night has gone!

> The new style of hairdressing is copied from the classic simplicity of the Greeks and is formed by waving the hair on each side of the parting. This can be done with the curling tongs or rolled up over night, unless the woman is fortunate enough to have it curled by nature. A few short hairs are allowed to fall over the forehead. Then coll the hair loosely in a knot low on the head and allow a few strands of hair to curl in the neck.

> Another pretty way is to coil the hair from the top of the head to the neck. This is easiest done by curling the short hairs on top and then drawing the rest of the hair together and tying it loosely with a ribbon and coiling the twisted hair keeping the effect narrow. Then curl the lower strands in the neck and the small bang and the effect is charming. Not for many years have so many decorations been used in the hair-flowers, ribbons, all manner of bands for the front and back hair, gold pins, diamonds, pearls and amber ornaments. But for the girl under twenty-five, by far the pret-

. clier to whom he gave it pronounced it to be merely crystal and the mortification of the despot was great. He at once ordered the palace of the Khan to be ransacked from top to bottom, but all search was in vain. At last a slave betrayed the secret, and the diamond was found beneath a heap of ashes.

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An Englishman who visited the great Sihk potentate some years afterwards was deeply impressed with the jewels worn by Lahore, chief among which was the Koh-i-noor or "Mountain of Light" as it means in English, and shortly afterwards when the British conquered Punjaub this precious jewel was found among the spoil and presented by the East India Company to the Queen of England.

The Duke of Wellington who won the Battle of Waterloo was asked to give the first touch to the polishing now deemed necessary, and to-day the "Mountain of Light" is more beautiful and more dazzling than ever before in its history. Its present value is supposed to be about \$275,000.000, though of course if a nation or a person desired to own it, and it was for sale, it would be worth as much as the buyer chose to give for it, which might be in the millions.

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buyer chose to give for it, which might be in the millions.

Even at the price we have named the ordinary rate of interest allowed by savings banks would represent an annual income of more than \$1,000.00, quite a tidy sum to live on. There are several other diamonds in the world the possession of which is a princely fortune in itself. The "Star of the South" is worth about \$225,000.00. The "Regent" about \$200,000. The great Russian diamond "The Orloff" about \$250,000, the Austrian diamond about \$200,000. There was one found in the Kimberly mines in South Africa for which \$300,000 was refused, and there is one owned by a king in Borneo that is supposed to be worth double what any of the others are valued at.

If you should happen to have a few diamonds around the house and lose one or two, let it not worry you, but remember that in all probability you could replace it, and thank your lucky stars that it isn't one of the great diamonds that would set the whole world talking and make the reporters hunt your footsteps almost to the grave.



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#### DRESSMAKING.

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(Written for Comfort.)

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Now that October has come and the skies are gray and oak leaves yellow, we naturally begin to think of laying our summer gowns aside and before we can do that we must have heavier ones prepared. It is well to keep in mind, when the fashions are as pronounced as this season—thateverything is not becoming to everybody. A style that is perfection on a tall woman may make a petite person look simply ridiculous and vice versa. The Russian blouse is one of these non-adaptable fashions of which "little women" should beware, the long skirt of the blouse making a horizontal line that lessens the apparent height of this design is of blue serge with flat trimmings. Make the skirt just short enough to clear the ground—fortunately cost umes design ed especially for the street are no longer made with trains—line a bias fold of the material about three inches wide when completed with lining muslin, baste it carefully on the skirt, close to the lower edge, and fasten it on by fancy stitches on each edge, made with red and yellow rope silk. The long stitches may be made with the red and the short alternating stitches with the yellow silk. This touch of color has a very pretty effect and does not look at all "loud." The blouse fits quite closely across the shoulders and is confined at the waist by a pointed girdle, with edges decorated by the stitching in colors. The collar and deep cuffs have the same decoration and a good effect is produced by the application of a band similar to that on the skirt, in the form of a zouave jacket, as shown in the illustration. The high, close collar is similarly decorated. Only five and three-quarters yards are required if the goods are forty-four inches wide and inexpensive fabrics make up as prettily as the high-priced.

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A beautiful costume recently made for a Boston girl's trousseau is of wood-brown broadcloth combined with golden-brown Ottoman
silk. As it is a carriage dress, the skirt is
slightly trained and is trimmed with two ruchings of the silk, very full and pinked on both
edges. The coat is cut in a square point over
the bust and slopes away to the side, over a full
front of the silk which is confined at the waist
by a narrow belt
of ribbon fastening at one side
under a pretty
bow. Four and
three-quarters
yards of cloth are
required for this
costume and four
yards of silk. The
pattern cannot be

costume and four yards of silk. The pattern cannot be bought as it is an original design but any young woman who is clever with her needle can copy the illustration by the aid of an ordinary coat basque pattern. A mode that is especially suitable for a woman who is distinctly petite is that showninthe third illustration. The skirt is the popular bell shape with five gores and is trimmed with two, three or four narrow velous patterns.

with two, three or yet ruffles, bias and quite scant. The vest is of velvet and the sleeves also, if desired. A shirt front is worn with costume which is charming made of dark green cloth and velvet of the same shade. The back is finished in a short point and the entire effect is decidedly jaunty. This is a particularly desirable style for remodelling a gown that has been worn, the addition of the velvet giving freshness and distinction to the entire costume. Almost any of the leading pattern houses can supply a somewhat similar design for the coat and waistcoat.

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In planning one's wardrobe for the winter there are many things beside the gowns to be considered. Shoes, hats, underwear, all have their place and demand attention. The thin, low shoes that add so greatly to our comfort must be discarded at the first approach of cold weather if we would remain free from colds. This is semphatically the era of common sense and the best dressed women are seldom seen in the street with the high heels and pointed toes so generally worn a few years ago. The soles of the shoes should be much heavier than in summer and the stockings should no longer be of thin lisle or silk but of heavy French cotton or fine merino wool.

The very small hat has rather goue out of favor. It is becoming to very few faces and medium size or large hats will be much worn the coming season. Low crowns will also be popular although a few handsome Paris hats designed for the autumn have high, pointed crowns. Fur felts are being revived and ostrich plumes as well as wings will be worn. Velvet, also, will be greatly worn and felt is to be fashion-

plumes as well as wings will be worn. Velvet, also, will be greatly worn and felt is to be fashionable so that all tastes can be suited. Walking hats should be simply trimmed, a fold of velvet and a pigeon wing being deemed sufficient garniture by the best milliners. Everyone of artistic tastes will be glad to learn that hats are to match the costumes, the colors in the gown being expected to appear in the hat or bonnet. Turbans and the so-called walking hats are to be especially in favor, although there are many fantastic shapes among the recent importations.

The number of gowns in

The number of gowns in the wardrobe are very little consequence if the charm of a healthful and clear complexion be absent. Every sensible woman desires to look as attractive as possible. That is not only he sight,

but her duty. While all cannot have skin like satin or alabaster, it is possible for everyone to have a complexion free from muddiness and eruptions. Bathing is one of the most important agents in effecting this, and just such bathing as is accessible to every woman who reads Comport, whether in the heart of Maine or the borders of New Mexico. A bath tub in which one may take a plunge into cold or hot water, is a luxury but not a necessity. An ordinary basin half-filled with water from which the chill has been removed, and a sponge with plenty of good soap, is all that is needed. Take a sponge bath every night or morning or even three or four times a week, from head to foot and, my word for it, in three months you will be startled by the improvement in your appearance. Cold baths are usually a mistake. They draw too heavily upon the vitality and many a case of nervous prostration has been directly traceable to the habitual use of the cold bath. After a bath of any kind a brisk rubbing with a coarse towel is an absolute necessity. The face, however, should be rubbed more gently as the skin is so delicate. Eruptions may almost always be banished by the use of a simple remedy made of two ounces of Rochelle salts, one ounce of cream of tartar and a quart of water. Pour the water (hot) on the dry ingredients, strain when cold and bottle. Take a wineglassful every morning before breakfast.

The health is greatly benefited by careful airing of the underclothing, every article of which should be shaken and hung separately at night. If possible to put them in the direct draught from an open window, so much the better.

### THE MYSTIC CASTLE

Y DEAR MYSTIC FRIENDS:

With two new contests, in which I hope every reader of Comporr will participate, also the usual interesting batch of "Mysteries," I greet you this month, with the assurance of a pleasant hour chatting over mystic affairs with my Comfort friends, and becoming acquainted with many new recruits to our ranks.

Glad to have you join us, and share the enjoyment derived from our pleasing and instructive pastime, composing and solving the "Intricate Knots from Puzzles for publication, also to send solutions to the "Mysteries," and compete in the various contests which we have from time to time.

The "Letter Contest," announced in this issue, is one in which all will be able to compete, whether they understand puzzles or not. Let us have many answers to it. Try to solve the puzzles, also!
Oldcastle wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the following puzzle departments, and to thank their editors for them. "Our Puzzle Corner"—Anonyme. "Mystic Maze"—Tunote. "The American Puzzler," "Intricacies"—Ed. Ward, and "Materia Mystica," edited by Jack O. Lantern and T. Hinker. All are fine specimens of the mystic art. Lack of space forbids individual comment.

Hercules, Ben Net, Roland and Hi A. Watha all hail from Nebraska and are firm friends. They are on hand every time at the "Realm of Comfort," and are turning out excellent work for the "Mystic Castle." We expect to devote a special corner in some future issue to our Western friends contributions.

But I know you are all anxious to ponder over the contests and try to solve them, so I must keep you write.

Hoping that our corner will prove interesting to all this month, and with a desire to hear from you all often, I remain, Your dear old mystic friend,

UDCASTLE.

What letter of the alphabet does not appear throughout the batch of "Mysteries" this month?

PRIZE LETTER CONTEST.

What letter of the alphabet does not appear throughout the batch of "Mysteries" this month? (excluding everything except the puzzles.)

The following prizes will be given for the first correct solutions received to the above.

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Mysteries.

MYSTERIES.
No. 347. Numerical.
The whole, composed of 13 letters, is neuralgia in the face.
The 3, 7, 5, 6, 4 is to render dark.
The 1, 9, 1, 8, 10 is to teach.
The 7, 12, 10, 2, 4 is dismal.

The 7, 12, 10, 2, ... Seaton, Oregon, No. 348. Rebus. TALKERS

NUISANCE.

DOERS

Springfield, Ark.,

Springfield, Ark.,

Nos. 349-50. Stars.

(To Ray with regards.)

(1) 1. A letter. 2. A word of denial.

4. Certain trees. 5. Places for baking. 6. A director.

7. A Jewish sect. 8. A musical note. 9. A letter.

(2) 1. A letter. 2. A verb. 3. Candid. 4. To withdraw. 5. A riddle. 6. Grown persons. 7. A genus of birds. 8. A musical note. 9. A letter.

Decorah, Iowa,

No. 351. Newark Icosahedron.

1. Custom. 2. A long loose overcoat. (Supp.) 3. Wretched. 4. Wolfish. 5. A species of wild geese. 6. Any star. 7. Bondage. 8. A wrought iron bar, to hold parts together. 9. A clyster. 10. To attire. 11. An even or level place. 12. Formed with channels. 13. A knot.

San Francisco, Cal.,

No. 352. Charade.

Fettered with those mighty bands,
Silent as the tomb he stands,
Watching for mother, sister, friends,
In vain.

He fitly of freedom could boast,
Had he always adhered to his post;
But now he's a wreck and most
Insane.

Though Three will affect his vision.

But now he's a wreck and most
Insane,
Though THREE will affect his vision,
He to-day, FOUR TWO ONE 'mid derision
From those having a COMPLETE mission
Waterford N. V.

Waterford, N. Y.,
No. 353. Anagram.
I am Dr. Olemay.
Speers, Pa.,
(To Aspiro.) NIMBUS.

Now perhaps your elfish maiden Was some mortal in disguise One with lovely golden tresses, Blue of heaven are her eyes.

Blue of heaven are her eyes.
Side by side you once were sitting,
Lip to lip and nose to nose;
Fearing not the old man's brogan,
Dog nor gun. We will suppose
Cupid's dart has struck. You linger
'Til a step's heard on the stair—
Old Father Time now points his finger
To "wee sma' hours" young man beware!

To "wee sma' hours" young man beware!
Sudden flitting—elf and lover—
Lover home and elf to bed;
And the sofa never moving,
Is LEFT by COMPLETE instead.
Gratton, Ills... No. 355. Anagram.
"Tec thy cat smiles." Ah yes, behold her!
Miss Pussy, when you've grown some older,
You'll find out what I say is true,
There are no rats in here for you.
"Tis true there's spread a goodly feast, 'Tis true there's spread a goodly feast. The guests come from the west, the east; From all directions it istrue. But Puss the feast is not for you.

Although I've seen upon the table Things, which to eat I'd not be able. Oldcastle himself by Dec served up, Garnished with India e.m and such,

In my belief, I here will state, Aunt Minerva's owls have shared a like fate, Dogs, bears and Lions sent for miles To be used for the feast in "TEC THY CAT SMILES."

To be used for the feast in "TEC THY CAT SMILES."
Yet much we love to take our place
Around the board, where with kindly grace
Oldcastle presides to dispense good cheer
To solvers, throughout the coming year.
Frankville, lowa,
No. 356. Diamond.

1. A letter from Remardo. 2. To impair the powers
of vision. 3. A stratagem intended to gain undue advantage. 4. Sown in rows. 5. Pertaining to logic.
6. Punished by a pecuniary fine. 7. To prevent by
prohibition. 8. Executed. 9. A letter from "Mystic
Castle."

Deposition. S. Executed. 9. A letter from Expension Prohibition. S. Executed. 9. A letter from Expension Prohibition. So So.

1 thaca, N. Y.,

No. 357. Hour Glass.

(To Oldcastle.)

1. Happening at the same instant. 2. Figures of speech in which the sound of words are imitative of the sound of the things which the words represent. 3. A thin-bladed dagger. 4. A militiaman who was to be ready to march at a moment's notice. 5. Groups of metameric hydrocarbons of the methane series. 6. Promontories. 7. A magpie. 8. A letter. 9. A village of Cuba. 10. A village of France. 11. A motion of the body expressive of sentiment or passion. 12. A figure having eleven angles or eleven sides. 13. Titanium dioxide occuring in acute octahedral crystals. 14. People who make excessively nice or needless distinctions in reasoning. 15. Dillitations of the capillary vessels.

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Diagonals:—Left to right, down—Commoness. Left
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Centrals, up—The process of decomposing by the
direct action of electricity.
Brooklyn, N. Y.,
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In Hamburg there have been 12,000 cases of cholera American factories produce 35,000 watches every

England has so far escaped an invasion of the

plague.

A gun recently tested in New Haven, Conn., fired over 900 shots a minute.

In New York City there are, on the average, 18 1-2 inhabitants to each dwelling.

A movement is on foot in England to exclude destitute aliens from that country.

A recent estimate places the cost of all the railways in the world at 32,115,000,000 dollars.

According to statistical report, 20,000 husbands in Chicago are supported by their wives.

A smokeless powder of American manufacture is to e used by the American Government.

It has been discovered that coal tar applied to masonry makes it impervious to water.

A rifle in the United States army is unfit for use after 4,000 rounds have been fired from it.

It is said that a cord of good sound wood will produce a ton of dry-weight ground wood pulp.

During the past year 299 residents of Massachusetts ave changed their names by process of law.

In honor of the World's Fair the new shade of red is called by the French color makers, "Chicago." Interesting experiments have been made in the use of compressed air as a means of street car propulsion.

Lord Tennyson's first book was published in 1820. His latest was published last year, over seventy years

The song "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay" as sung by Lottie collins brings her an income, it is said, of \$300 a tight.

In Wheeling, W. Va., there is a well over one mile deep. It was drilled in a search for petroleum or natural gas.

An item of importance to women is, that women re two inches taller, on an average, than their others were.

Cars run by storage batteries of electricity have seen discontinued in England and horse service has seen resumed.

Two thousand men, women and children, in Cali-ornia, are employed in the cultivation and curing of Pampas plumes.

It has been discovered that the salmon, that prince of game fishes, can easily swim at the rate of twenty-five miles an honr.

There will be built on the shores of our great in-land lakes this coming winter steel vessels aggregat-ing 47,000 gross tons.

At a funeral in New York, the other day, the whiffle-ree of the hearse broke; the horses ran away and he hearse was upset.

the hearse was upset.

It is estimated that twenty thousand school children will parade during the Columbian celebration in New York in October.

A suggestion has been made that, in view of the cholers raging abroad, the World's Pair at Chicago be postponed for a year.

One of the cables recently made to propel the surface cars on Broadway, New York, is 61-10 miles long and its weight is 471-2 tons.

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A machine recently erected in a paper mill at Ticonderoga, New York, makes 300 feet of paper a minute, or sixty tons a week.

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There has been considerable agitation in favor of remation as the only safe and proper way of disposing of the bodies of victims of cholera. One of the interesting sights at the World's Fair will be the first locomotive that ever ran out of Chicago. It is called "The Old Pioneer."

A. A. Zimmerman, the bicycle champion, recently wheeled a mile in a fraction over 2.07, nearly equal-ing the record just made by Nancy Hanks. It has been arranged to have 40 launches, propelled by electricity, to carry passengers on the lagoons of Jackson Park, Chicago, during the World's Fair.

accson Park, Unicago, during the World's Fair. The Servia, of the Cunard Line, recently collided with the American ship Undaunted. There was a cavy fog at the time; but neither vessel was injured. The largest steamship in the world has been annehed on the Clyde in Scotland. The vessel is to ecalled the Campania and was built for the Cunard line.

European railroads have cost on the average 280,-000 dollars per mile for road and equipments, while those in the United States have cost only \$55,330 per mile.

It has been estimated that at the same rate of progression as has been made in the past a horse will be developed by 1905 which will trot a mile in two minutes.

One effect of the cholera scare has been to check the importation of foreign rags, so increasing very much the price of other materials used in the manu-facture of paper.

A new compound of glass and wire has been manufactured. In glass while it is hot is imbedded a wire network. The compound is very tough and is suitable for skylights.

That wonderful mare Nancy Hanks has again low-ered her record. She has made a mile in 2.05 1-4 over a kite shaped track and behind a sulky with pneu-matic-tired wheels.

Ex-Mayor Carter H. Harrison of Chicago was re-cently seriously injured. His horse fell while he was out driving. He had a wrenched leg, a bruised shoul-der and a broken arm.

The strikes at Homestead and at Buffalo, which were so serious in aspect as to require the attendance of the National Guard, have been settled and men have returned to work.

Five hundred men have been trained to serve as guards at the Columbian World's Fair in Chicago. They have been organized as a regiment, and have been drilled as soldiers.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has arranged to exhibit at the World's Fair, a miniature railroad in operation and to show how road beds are constructed and tracks laid.

Large quantities of cotton seed oil are now exported from the United States to Italy. It is said to be used there to dilute the olive oil which is largely imported to this country.

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### Odd and Curious News Nuggets.

There was an accident on the Fitchburg road re-cently by which ten were killed and fifty injured. It resulted from alleged neglect of duty by a brakeman who neglected to make the proper signals.

In Japan, a recent traveler has declared, there are 192,242 shrines and 108,109 temples. This means that there is a place of worship for every 119 of the gentle inhabitants of the land of the chrysanthemum.

In a French settlement on the Bronx River near New York City the women wash the clothes as they do in France—by rubbing them with soap on round stones and rinsing them in the running water of the

In South Dakota recently an ærolite weighing 41 pounds fell after many explosions the noise of which was heard for fifteen miles. The ærolite entered the soil for two feet and for many hours was too hot to be handled.

It has been found that if a growing plant is kept in the same room with a plano the drying and shrink-age of the sounding board of the plano, which is apt to happen in dry and overheated rooms will be pre-vented.

Borax was discovered to exist in the United States in 1857. But not until 1864 was a company formed for its working. Nearly 12,000,000 pounds are now produced annually. It is found only in California and Nevada.

An lowa paper states that the body of the famous Cardiff Giant, which has been buried under a livery stable in Independence, Ia., for twenty years, was lately exhumed by two circus managers and will be exhibited.

The members of the Smith family held their 17th menual reunion in Peapack, N. J. They claim that here are only 2,000 real Smiths in the United States. A "real" Smith is a descendant of John, who landed A "real" Sin

here in 1886.

The inhabitants of the south shore of Long Island met and threatened to prevent by force the landing of passengers from infected ships on Fire Island, a summer resort just bought by the Governor of the State to serve as a refuge.

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Many of the buildings of the World's Fair have been finished and the others are so near completion that some adequate idea of what the Exposition will look like from the exterior may be gained on Dedication Day in October.

The United States army is to be furnished with the Krag-Jorgensen rifle. It is a magazine gun and was invented by the two Danes after whom it is named. It will shoot far and fast, and is said to be the best military rifle in the world.

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John Howard and his wife, of San Francisco, started on March 10th from Seattle on a tramp to Chicago for a purse of \$5,000. They arrived there August 31st, with sixteen days to spare, their time limit ending September 15th.

The Gatling gan has, by recent improvements, been adapted for use on police patrol wagons. The weight of the new gun is only 74 pounds. It is expected to do more damage, if it is sever necessary to use it, than a regiment of infantry would.

The cholera has continued to rage in Europe and the East. Statistics from Russia are meagre and probably unreliable, but the best estimates place the total number of deaths from the plague up to Sept. 1st at the enormous number of 250,000.

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There was great eloquence though no elegance and a powerful sermon though little grammar, in one of the speeches John L. Sullivan is stated to have made after the recent battle in New Orleans. He is reported to have said: "Booze done it!"

In a factory where 2,000 of the bulbs for the electric incandescent light are made it costs I 1-2 cent per lamp to merely exhaust the air from them. The carbon, the heating of which to a white heat, gives the incandescent lamp is burned in a vacuum. incandescent lamp is burned in a vacuum.

A Mr. John L. Fry recently arrived at a hotel in Sioux City, Dak., with a live goose in a box. The next afternoon the goose squawked loudly. On going to Fry's room they found that he had blown out the gas and was unconscious from breathing it.

A mysterious case of the poisoning of sixty employees of the Haverhill, Mass., electric road, is explained by the fact that the workmen in clearing out underbrush came in contact with poison ivy. It is stated that many of the cases will prove fatal.

The canvass for the Presidential election in November is still very quiet; but the letter of acceptance of the nomination of Mr. Harrison has been issued. When Mr. Cleveland's is published the active work of the campaign will no doubt be begun in earnest.

There recently arrived on the steamer Obdam a large exhibit for the Chicago Fair. It is a German village. It will cover a space of 17,500 feet. There will be farm buildings, markets, shops, rivers, meeting hall and church, all in the style of the sixteenth

There was a runaway the other day in New York in which two horses ran fully two miles down Broadway, one of the most crowded thoroughfares in the world, before they were stopped. Then the wagon to which they were attached ran into a car and was overturned.

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Those eminent pugilists Mr. James J. Corbett and Mr. John L. Sullivan have met, and Mr. Sullivan later being the champion of the world for twelve years was defeated by Mr. Corbett. Upon his return journey northward from New Orleans Corbett was greeted with great enthusiasm.

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The man with a fortune in his skull halls from Chicago. His name is Dominick O'Boyle and he was struck in the back of his head by a bullet, which flattened out exactly as if it had encountered a rock. His escape from death, and his armor-like skull have been the subject of much comment.

Carl Hagenback of Hamburg, the well-known tamer of wild animals, has signed a contract in which he agrees to bring to the World's Fair two thousand wild animals, and to give daily exhibitions with them, in a circus which will be built at a little distance south of the World's Fair Park.

A woman in the State of Washington has gone in sane through solitude. She and her husband was absent hunting, or on business for months at a time. She rarely saw other people. Alone with nature she was overcome by terror of imaginary dangers.

In a shipment of fruit which arrived in New York from the West Iddies the other day there was a snake, the bite of which is said to be immediately deadly, some scorpions, some centipedes so poisonous that they leave a mark like a scratch upon any flesh they merely walk over, a tarantala or two, and some butterflies of great beauty in form and color.

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Recently in Phoenix, Arizona, some Indians purchased for their own use several parlor chairs and two boxes of stove polish. It is thus made evident that civilization is making progress.

A man recently purchased in Florida 20,000 acres of cheap land for ten thousand dollars. He afterwards advertised town lots for sale at 31 each. He received two hundred and afty thousand dollars.

### From North, South, East and West.

A remarkable accident recently befell Mr. Peter Smith of Newark, N. J. He was driving a watering cart when his hat fell into the open manhole in the cart. He tried to get it; but lost his balance and fell into the water. His hips were so large that he could not slip through. So he hung suspended, his head in the water, his legs in the air until he was pulled out just in time to save his life.

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The finest collection of scarf pins in the world is said to be owned by Rossignol, the king of French detectives. Whenever foreign royalies visiting Paris desire to see the slums of the capitol, Rossignol is placed at their service. The excursion is the more enjoyable by being spiced with a slight apprehension of danger. Their gratitude to the guide generally takes the shape of a scarf pin.

While Forepaugh's circus was traveling in the South recently, a lion tore off the door of his cage. He escaped and there was a great scattering of the spectators. One man jumped into a well, a dozen tried to climb telegraph poles. One woman fainted. The lion snifed at her, turned her over and then walked away. He thought her dead. The lion was finally captured and recaged with much trouble.

Lieut Peary has returned, after reaching the northern coast of Greenland. His purpose was to explore Greenland and that he has accomplished. After spending a winter in camp he made a sledke journey, during the past summer, of 1,300 miles. He reached the next to the highest point of North Latitude. The only other persons who have been farther north being Lockwood and Brainard of the treeley Expedition.

tion.

An Arab uprising has occurred in the Congo Free States. The slave and ivory dealers have captured five stations and killed every white man except two within an area of thousands of square miles, and the work of extending commerce and civilization in Central Africa has been sadly checked. It is not yet known whether the forces of the Congo Free State are adequate to settle the trouble and to punish the offenders.

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In New York, the disease was kept out of the city for over two weeks after the arrival of the first ship from Hamburg with cholera on board. There have been as many as twenty ships detained there at Quarantine at one time. Proper arrangements have been made there for the seclusion and treatment of the sick; but the well were detained for many days on the vessels on which they arrived to their great discomfort and risk.

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The great western air ship is expected to be ready during the present season for its first trip from Chicago to New York. The advertised rate of speed is 75 miles an hour. The voyagers will be conveyed in a sumptuously furnished car made of the wonderful metal aluminum, which, though it has the strength of steel, is very light. The ship has an air chamber 125 feet long, with a diameter of 38 feet, and is to be driven by two engines constructed of alloyed aluminum operating a screw wheel. The cushioned seats are filled with hydrogen gas, to add buoyancy.

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seats are filled with hydrogen gas, to add buoyancy. An experiment has been made in the destruction of mosquitoes. Four ounces of kerosene were scattered upon the surface of a small pool which had been found to be a breeding place of the dreaded insect. Within a few days, among many dead gnats, there were found 371 female mosquitoes and many mates. It is estimated that one barrel of kerosene costing \$4.50 or less, would successfully treat \$9.000 square feet of water surface. The frost has now ridded much of the country of mosquitoes for this season; but it will be well to remember to make this experiment next summer early.

The electric search light just placed on Mt. Wash-

next summer early.

The electric search light just placed on Mt. Washington, N. H., can be seen for 150 miles. Signals have been exchanged with the telegraph operator in Portland, Me., a distance of sixty miles. Messages flashed from Mt. Washington were read and telegraphed back by the operator in Portland. The movement of the light is controlled automatically and the necessary electric current is furnished by dynamos some distance from the lamp. A diverging lens produces a broad fan-shaped beam which covers a large territory as it is slowly swept about the vicinity of the mountain. This search light will be in readiness to locate the parties who frequently lose their way in Tuckerman's Ravine or over the Northern Peaks.

#### How the Cholera Comes.

Crossing the Caspian in May, reaching Baku early in July, and spreading over all Russia and most of Western Europe in the past injety days, the present cholera epidemic has followed the sinister track of early epidemics. It has found in Russia the conditions which make pestilence deadly. Precisely as revolutions and short crops speeded cholera on its way in 1831-2 and in 1848-9, so now in Russia it has done its deadly work amid a population enfeebled by grip, by famine, by famine typhus, and by endemic typhoid, extending over the entire empire. The only true way to ward off the cholera is to fortify your system against its attacks the same as in "La Grippe," and Oxien played a most important part in preventing and curing that fearful epidemic. We invite all readers to send for free samples of Oxien the wonderful food for the Nerves if they want to feel safe and breath easy before cholera gets a firm hold in this country. A stitch in time saves nine and if you write The Giant Oxie Co., Augusta, Maine, to-day for the free samples much suffering and money may be saved.

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CTOBER is the month of ripe pumpkins and red-hot politics. And to bor-row the tuneful lay of the weet singer from Michigan, both are "in our midst" at the present writing and-what will the barvest be?

While it is pretty diffiult to foreshadow the esult without guessing wice, it is safe to predict that whether the republican goose be cooked or the democratic crow be

served up raw, the pump-kin will continue to everlastingly hold the fort as the prime favorite of the family pie foundry, and that it will likewise continue, as heretofore, to furnish fun for the farmer's fireside by masquerading as the

midnight "Boogie" man.
The manner in which the Juvenile Hayseeds utilize this innocent football of the vegetable kingdom for paralyzing the latest importation from the County of Cork is not only a howling success but has never been fittingly portrayed by the poet's pen. Nor has it ever been recorded that shortly after the advent of the Melancholy Days in the year 1857, the Junior Kinsabbys, then domiciled at the old homestead in Ohio, held a Council of War which secretly



declared that the period of usefulness of the female mechanic who presided over the Kinsabby kitchen had come to an end, and that her continued presence would prove distasteful to at least one portion of the household.

As a means of conveying the hint to "vamoose the ranch," a pumpkin was fitted up in the most hideous style of the prehistoric art, and shortly before mid-night this was introduced to the timid and unsuspecting Bridget under the nom de plame of The Holy Terror from Haunted Hollow and—the picture tells

A minister up in the mountains of Vermont, whose horse is subject to periodical fits of dizziness, had his confidence in human nature shaken by this advice from one of his flock: "Take the horse to town some day when he isn't dizzy and sell him to a stranger."



IT isn't everybody that can get even with a mean man. There is a the State of Maine, however, a little baretoot lad who did the trick in exceedingly great shape he other day.

Last June a rich fish dealer from ortland bought a summer home among the romantic hills of

Skowhegan, and he had not been settled there a week before Tommy Wilson, who lives on the adjoining farm, found that the son of his new neighbor was mean enough to steal the silver door-plate off the golden gates of Heaven, if he got the chance. It seems that Tommy's little sister was the proud possessor of a pair of snow-white pigeons, snow-white pigeons, which he had bought

the last fair, paying for her for a birthday present at y he had earned picking berries The little miss valued and loved them as only a country child can, and when one day the pretty pair paid

a flying visit to the neighboring barn-yard and were shot down in cold blood by the junior fishmonger, our friend Tommy organized himself into a committee of one for the purpose of making the herring huckster pay the highest price on record for dead pigeons.

Whether he lay awake nights to perfect his plan of reciprocity is not known, but it is a matter of history that within the short period of two weeks he landed the Portland pickerel pedler, as he termed him, in the soup in a manner that fills the properly balanced human heart with unutterable joy. Some boys would no doubt have waylaid the Port-

land chap and mauled him, but that wasn't in accordance with Tommy's idea of squaring things up. He never even mentioned the matter to the villain and acted just as though he didn't mind a little thing like that. But all this time he was preparing a dose of misery for the murderer of his sister's pets, and when he had his plans all ready his neighbor heard something drop, as the saying goes.

One day last week he paid him a visit, with his cousin, on his way home from a squirrel hunt, and after talking about the weather and the probability of Grover Cleveland being elected to stay at home, he incidentally admired a flock of fine fowls which roamed about the yard, and jokingly asked how much the owner would take for a shot at them. When the boy replied that all the money in Skowhe-gan wouldn't induce his father to part with those prize chickens and that some of them were worth over fifty dollars apiece, Tommy suddenly excused himself, saying he would run over to see if his mother didn't want him. No sooner had he gone than the cousin changed the subject to guns, and taking up Tommy's old wild-goose musket said it would be a good job to draw out his shot and then when he came back bet him that he couldn't hit a barn door. The fish fiend took the bait like a shark, promptly adjusted the wormer to the ramrod and withdrew the shot. Pretty soon Tommy came back and remarked that as he couldn't get a shot at prize chickens he would have to go home and do his chores.
"What'll you give if I let you have a shot at them,"

said the Smart Aleck from Portland.

"Well, chickens aint worth much now, but if you'll call them all together so's to give me and my musket a fair show, I'll give you fifty cents and take what I kill at twenty yards."



bunched and then blazed away. When the smoke had cleared, seventeen game fowls lay dead upon the grass, for Tommy had taken good care to put two charges of shot into his gun before making his appearance upon the scene of action.

The roar of the blunderbuss brought the old man on the ground and the way he danced up and down, pawed the air and made sultry remarks, was a truly awe-inspiring spectacle. Meanwhile Tommy and his companion gathered up their game fowls and with the remark, "Now, mister, I'm square with your boy for killing my sister's pet pigeons," departed for home.

It verily doth appear that, though the country boy

On the afternoon of last "Labor Day" there oc curred within the classic precincts of Cambridge, Mass., a cholera scare which caused a painful scattering of panic-stricken inhabitants and came might near resulting fatally in at least one instance.

A brief recital of the case should prove a warning to those who are forever monkeying with the flowing bowl and should at the same time induce the timid citizens who so hastily fled from the scene of peril to return to the bosom of their families. The unvarnished facts of the case are these: Mr. Oliver Wendell one of the foremost hide and leather purveyors of Boston and he lives in an elegant man sion adjoining the Harvard College buildings. Among other high honors which have fallen to his lot is that of being father to two remarkable specimens of Young America," aged respectively seven and ten.

Returning from the city on the afternoon of the holiday mentioned, he was surpr sed to find a home-made lemonade stand in full thast in front of his house, and his ears were saluted by the familiar cry,

Lemonade, sir, ice cool lemonade; only five cents a glass." With astonishment and pleasure he recognized his oldest son, who with true Yankee thrift was relieving the passers-by of their spare cash and ladling out the cooling decoction from a wooden bucket, in which the ice rattled refreshingly.

He was about to invest when he became aware of a rival establishment located on the other side of the gateway and which had evidently gone into the cutrate business. He there discovered his youngest boy, behind another booth, filling the air with "Only two cents a glass!" No one, probably, will ever know whether it was business instincts or a desire to en-courage the youngest child that made Mr. Bromfield step over to the second booth and drain a glass. Smacking his lips and putting down a couple of coppers, he was about to enter his residence when his curiosity led him to inquire how it was that the proprietor could afford to sell his lemonade so much cheaper than his rival. It was a fatal question. And the answer simply paralyzed him.

"Well, you see, I'm selling at a reduced price, 'cause the puppy fell in mine."

Mr. Bromgeld clutched wildly at the region of his vest pockets, and staggered into the house. Unfortu-



whispered from ear to ear. The street was jammed when Mr. Bromfield himself appeared upon the scene, accompanied by a severe pain in his midst.

The effect was astonishing. Never since the war have so many men run wildly away. In all probability some are still laying low.

The moral of the sad occurrence is this: Shun the flowing bowl; but if you must drink, don't drink twocent lemonade.

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